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STUDENT COUNCIL PROPOSED

Freshmen Sponsor Valentine Dance

On Saturday night, February 10, the freshman class of Methodist College will sponsor a Valentine's Dance for the school. The dance will be held in the Student Union on campus at 8:00 p.m.

Music for dancing will be furnished by the Vagabonds; a six piece band which also plays at the Officers' Club at Fort Bragg.

Tickets will be a $1.50 per Couple and may be purchased from any of the Freshman Class Officers—Shad Bosher, Selden Rapelye, Billie Kelly, and Yates Williams.

Africa Subject Of February Lecture

An illustrative lecture on Africa will begin the third in a series of concerts and lectures held annually at Methodist College. The talk and slides on Africa will be presented by Mrs. Rose J. Tillit, who has just recently returned from a trip to Africa. The lecture will be presented February 6, at 8:00 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. The public is urged to attend.

A concert at Methodist College will he present on February 23, by a duo - piano team. The pianists are Dr. William Sasser and his wife, Thelma Sasser. They are both on the faculty of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

A Sonata recital will be held March 9, 1962, by Dr. Willis Gates, violinist, and Mr. James Murdock, pianist from California.

A lecture by Dr. J. B. Rhine, Head of the Parapsychology Laboratory at Duke University, will end our annual concert - lecture series for 1961 - 62. Dr. Rhine will speak on the subject "Parapsychology and Man's Search for Understanding."

Final Exam Schedule

FIRST SEMESTER 1961-62 (JANUARY 18-25, 1962)

January 18—Thursday—(1:10-4:00)

History 101A	History 101D
History 101B	History 201
History 101C	Chemistry 251

January 19—Friday—(8:30-11:20)

English 101A	English 101C
English 101B	English 101D
English 91	

January 19—Friday—(1:10-4:00)

English 201A	English 201C
English 201B	English 102

January 22—Monday—(8:30-11:20)

Spanish 101A	French 101B
Spanish 101B	French 151A
French 101A	French 151B

January 22—Monday—(1:10-4:00)

Fine Arts 151	Music 151

January 23—Tuesday—(8:30-11:20)

Religion 101A	Religion 101C
Religion 101B	Religion 251

January 23—Tuesday—(1:10-3:00) (7:00-10:00)

Psychology 201	Psychology 201E

January 24—Wednesday—(8:30-11:20)

Math 101A	Math 101C
Math 101B	Math 251
Math 91	

January 24—Wednesday—(1:10-4:00)

Physics 101	Music 161

January 25—Thursday—(8:10-11:20)

Biology 101A	Biology 101B
Chemistry 101	

January 25—Thursday—(1:10-4:00)

Pol. Science 151

Students who wish to receive a semester grade on any course, before grades are mailed from the Registrar's office, must submit a self-addressed post card to the instructor at the time of the final examination. Indicate the exact title of the course on the post eard.

Christmas Dinner Enjoyed By Students And Faculty

On December 15, 1961, the students, faculty, and administrative staff of Methodist College joined in the dining hall for the annual Christmas dinner before Christmas vacation. After the dinner, Dr. Womack, chaplain, recognized the Community Council, members of the Student Christian Association, and Mrs. Jones, the dietitian, for their part in the preparations for the dinner.

President Weaver then gave his message. He pointed out that some of the students were going home for the first time since September and that each student thought of going home in different ways.

In his message Dr. Weaver emphasized that there can be no Christmas without Christ, even though Christ was not selected "most likely to succeed" in his class in school, nor was he one of the "ten best-dressed men," nor did he hold the highest political office in his time.

He pointed out that Democracy came out of Christianity because this expressed the inherent dignity and right of man. Nevertheless, as Dr. Weaver pointed out, over 900 million more people are suffering from authoritarian rule today than were when the war was fought, even though it was fought to free the world for democracy. He reiterated that people do not solve their problems by war; they must do it through peace.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL — The Community Council consists of the above 5 students (left to right—Fran Abell, Patsy Melvin, Bob Reynolds, Jerry Wood, Connor Holland) and 5 faculty members who at the present time constitute the governing body for Methodist College students. Contrary to popular opinion, the proposed Student Council has, at present, only the responsibility of drawing up proposed by-laws which must be approved by the faculty.

Initial Body Charged With Writing Acceptable Rules

NEW STACKS — Librarian Alva Stewart is pictured with Jerry Keen in the new stacks at the college. This new facility will accommodate approximately 7,000 volumes.

A milestone in Methodist College history was reached on December 14, 1961. At that time the faculty approved a set of three recommendations, the first of which states: "(a) that a Student Council shall be formed at this time consisting of the four officers of the sophomore class, the four officers of the freshman class, the five student representatives now serving on the Community Council, and a faculty adviser appointed by the President of the College with a temporary student chairman to be elected by the group; (b) that the Student Council thus constituted shall initially have the function only of recommending to the Faculty a proposed set of By-laws; (c) that in the interim pending faculty approval of By-laws, all matters pertaining to extra - class affairs shall continue to be channeled through the Community Council for official action."

The students serving on the new Student Council will be Ralph Hoggard, Mack Teague, Pat Jackson, Don Parsons, Shad Bosher, Selden Rapelye, Billie Kelly, Yates Williams, Connor Holland, Patsy Melvin, Jerry Wood, Fran Abell, and Bob Reynolds. The faculty advisor will be Mr. Snyder.

At present the sole purpose of the new Student Council is to draw up a set of by - laws, which will need faculty approval. Therefore, the exact function of the Council cannot be determined until the by - laws are approved. In the meantime any action on extra-curricular affairs will occur in the Community Council.

This Student Council can be whatever the students want to make it. With a good set of by-laws, it can be the beginning of student government at Methodist College. Without support and interest, it could conceivably be ineffectual.

7,000 Volume Stacks Added To Library

In December, stacks were installed in the library in classroom C-105 to provide additional shelving space for bound periodicals, duplicate volumes, short stories, and fiction. The majority of unbound periodicals and unprocessed books have also been moved into the stack area. There are 6 shelves to each stack section. Approximately 7,000 volumes may be accommodated in these new stacks, bringing the total shelving capacity, including the two main rooms and the stacks, to 13,000 volumes. This should be ample space to house all library resources — books, periodicals, pamphlets, records — until the permanent building is completed in the fall of 1963 or the spring of 1964.

The room will be open for browsing during regular library hours, but all books and periodicals should be checked out at the charging desk.

Advisees Feted At Christmas Dinner

On Friday, December 1, the advisees of Dr. Charles Ott were guests for dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ott. Following dinner there was an enjoyable "gab session," after which the group was dismissed.

The advisees attending were Donald Hilburn, Jerry Wood, Mike Raehlin, Jerry Keen, George Council, Stephen Holtz, Paul Gorski, and George Collie

sMALL TALK POLICY

The sMALL TALK staff welcomes all comments and letters from students or faculty members of Methodist College. All letters will be given impartial consideration for publication provided they meet the following requirements: (1) letters must be typed, (2) letters must be signed, (3) letters must not contain libelous or lewd remarks. The editor and staff reserve the right to decide which letters are suitable for publication.

STUDENT DECORUM

Webster defines "decorum" as "whatever is suitable or proper, especially as applied to social conduct; propriety and good taste in behavior, etc." Our college catalogue states no specific code for student decorum, but it is assumed that each of us is a lady or a gentleman and that we behave as such at all times. Proper decorum incorporates many things from neatness of one's surroundings to the effectiveness of an honor system or code. All Methodist College students must cooperate in developing a high standard of conduct to go along with its academic standard. We can all be very proud of Methodist College's academic standards, and with only a little effort, we can set the pattern for an exceptionally good code of social behavior that we can be proud of. This would mean that at all times each of us is on his honor to behave in a manner reflecting credit on himself, his parents, and his college.

Most of us follow some kind of code of social decorum, but some students are forgetful, or negligent, or just unaware of what is expected of them. For example, ladies and gentlemen do not sit with their feet on the furniture, or spill "eokes" and leave them, or make fervent displays of emotion in public, but these things do happen. It is up to us, the students, to become conscious of these violations of "student decorum" and to try to rid ourselves of anything beneath the dignity of Methodist College.

FALL IN OR FALL OUT

Tensions have definitely mounted since nuclear testing has been resumed. Suddenly, fear is more than a word in the dictionary. It plagues out thoughts; it worries our dispositions; it alters our perspective of life. Where is the magic key that provides the perfect criterion for the momentous decisions which are required in our time? The key lies within each person in the form of his ideals. Ideals are the pieces for completing the world picture as it should be. Through his ideals, an individual aches for the welfare of *all* mankind and not for just himself. Yet, tension and anxiety can produce a freeze which seems to justify inaction. This type of thinking believes that the President has things under control and needs no word from the individual. It is so comforting to rely on this Father Image that the individual does not realize that in letting others make his decisions for him he may be creating his own "Big Brother." But free men must be responsible men, and responsible men are not afraid to speak their views on the major questions of the day. Surely, the President deserves the *thinking* as well as the moral support of every citizen.

As tensions have increased, the individual has become concerned with the problems of safety. He wonders if he should build a fallout shelter. In fact, Methodist College officials wonder if the college should have a shelter. In exploring this question, it is necessary to consider the total effect. Of course, properly built shelters should provide physical protection but would they lessen anxiety? Would their existence tend to weaken the wil lof the people to strive for ideals? Since a large segment of the population would be unable to have a shelter, would the existence of a few shelters tend to divide the population, cause animosities and frictions which could destrov the nation even if no bomb was ever dropped? Surely panic, fear, distrust, and envy are greater destroyers than any bomb.

On the other hand, if shelters do seem to be the answer to the problem, it must be realized that unity of action is essential. For whether the cold war continues cold or becomes "hot" the real task before Western civilization is the preservation of its values. Of what use would the survival of mere bodies be? Those who survive will face problems similar to those we consider today. They, too, will have the responsibility of passing on the ideals of democracy.

Although we live in a time of great crisis, men of love, honor, and faith know that they must begin *now* to act as free men. They must make their thoughts known, so that real understanding can be fostered and magnified. Building a peaceful world is everyone's job. Only "fall in" now can combat the "fall out" of tomorrow.

The Adult View

by Louise Council

The several different meetings of groups the past few weeks bring to mind again the expressed wish of some of the "older" students to organize a club of their own and perhaps have a representative on the community council. Sometimes our views on campus matters are divergent to others, and as an unorganized group all we can do is "gripe." Why not turn this into a constructive organization.

This week I have interviewed one of our older students who is a friendly, gracious, and hard-working person. Mrs. Lucy Martin was born at Gray's Creek and has lived there continuously. She graduated from Gray's Creek High School. Her husband teaches eighth grade and coaches basketball and baseball on the high school level at Gray's Creek. Mr. Martin is doing graduate work at East Carolina College during the week-ends. Lucy has three children to get ready for school and one in kindergarten. She gets them off to school and still makes an 8:30 class. Lucy has listed among her many reasons for deciding to continue her education that she hopes to help provide the finances for her children's education and that she is fulfilling a great desire that she has always had to go to college. Lucy also says that so many of her close friends had a college education that it made her realize her need more greatly. She says that she was actually getting an inferiority complex about it.

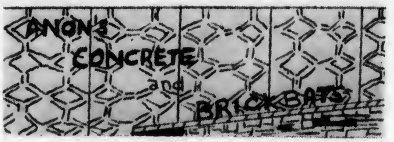
Lucy plans to complete her college work in three years. She goes to school year round - two sessions of summer school! My hat is off to her!

Sounds from One Hand

by Virginia Kern

BAIT

An icy wind sends birds to my door
To melt my heart with delight.
The icy fairyland has blossomed
Into a feathered flight.
The brittle blast becomes staccato
Until a whirr of wings
Weaves such a graceful pattern
Even a cold heart sings.
The cardinal slides down the icy brough
With fluttering wings abrake
He suddenly perches, majestic
Then flits off with the bait.



It has come to our attention that much of the time students really need to be equipped with flashlight to get from one end of the hall to the other in the classroom building. After observing these halls for several days, we would like to suggest that the lights be kept on at all times during the day. These lights are more than adequate, but without them we will agree that a dark, depressing and gloomy condition does exist.

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Ramblings emitting from the science building give evidence that students are being required to display the characteristics of a genius to get an A. It is very possible that we have no genius on our campus. But it is equally possible that some instructors have failed to receive an "A", or even a "B", a student must do all of his work, do it well, and then do a little more. We believe that if we would try this, all of might find an upswing in our present grades.

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Down at the Union, we notice that the college has taken our advice. We now have someone to head our "Department of Loafing," and the curriculum is being expanded daily. We do hope that our students will not overload in this department because courses are still being offered in all of the other departments of the school and advantage should be taken of them.

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Anyone who knows of something which "ANON" should observe can accomplish this by putting a note in the mail box located on the door of the publications room 106 in the classroom building. We are glad to have suggested ideas. Problems can many times be solved just by airing them. This column hopes to live up to its name, "Concrete" constructive ideas and "Brickbats" thrown when and if it is necessary.

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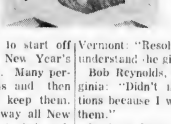
Christmas is over, but the spirit of the season is still with us. Now that we are back from vacation we will move immediately into the last lap of the semester. The die is cast! You now know where you stand academically, and we hope that it exhibits your best. Seasons greetings to all!

Your "What's"  View?"

What's the best way to start off a new year? With a New Year's Resolution, of course. Many persons make resolutions and then realize they can not keep them. This is probably the way all New Year's resolutions meet their end. The following are a few resolutions made by students on campus (and possibly not on campus?).

Dave Altman, New York: "Gave up passing history tests."

Pat Jackson, Hope Mills: "Stop griping about my grades."

Pete Moss, Pine Forest: "Gave up smoking."

Seldon Rapelye, Wallingford, Vermont: "Resolved to try and understand the girls' dorm better."

Bob Reynolds, Waynesboro, Virginia: "Didn't make any resolutions because I wouldn't live up to them."

Barbara Rine, Tacoma, Washington: "To succeed when I can and face my failures with a sickly grin."

Mack Teague: Find the cure for unknownitis in quantitative analysis.

All the members of sMALL TALK staff wish all of you success in keeping these New Years' resolutions.

Various New Clubs Planned For 2nd Semester Activities

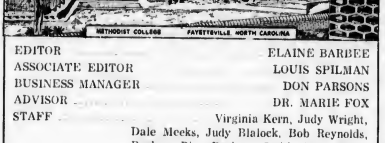
For those of us in the student body who have a secret desire to "set the world on fire" by storming Broadway, being an astronaut, or by any other purposeful means, the faculty is making striking progress for our accommodation. There are now, or will be by second semester, several organizations from which we can choose the one most suited to our interests, including a dramatics club, a science club and a debate club.

Second semester, the dramatics club will gake its debut under the direction of Mrs. Gatlin. This organization will be open to all students interested in such phases of dramatics as costuming, staging, make-up, directing, and acting. Tentative plans have been made for the production of two one-act plays.

The science club has already been organized under the leadership of Dr. Ott and Mr. Snyder. This organization is open to any student who will make an effort to attend club meetings. The science club hopes to carry on an active correspondence with the Junior Academy of Science and to provide its members with an interesting variety of programs.

Last spring, the possibility of organizing a debate club for the students was considered. The club would consist of upper classmen and second-semester freshmen who have a "C" average or better, and it would provide discussion and debate on topics of current appeal. Eventually, debates would be scheduled with other colleges.

With the organizations of these three clubs each student should be able to find something suitable for him.



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"sMALL TALK'S" VIEW OF

Campus Life

Happy New Year!

The world of today and tomorrow will have many tensions and crises which must be met by intelligent and creative thought and action.

We feel that the students of Methodist College are a tribute to democracy in action and part of our hope for a world of continued peace and good will.

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DORM-Sites!

By BARBARA RHINE

Here it is 1962 already! Not too long ago we were going home for the Christmas holidays. Seems that one night last month while frantically trying to memorize Hamlet's first soliloquy, brush up on all those French idioms, and remember the effects of too much lactic acid in the body, we suddenly heard strains of White Christmas and Silver Bells reverberating from the showers.

In a dorm meeting in early December, the girls voted to use the lounge for study during the evenings, 7:00 to 10:00, Monday through Thursday.

Saturday, December 9, brought a flurry of hair curlers and evening gowns as girls dressed for the Christmas Dance at the Student Union.

Sunday the 10th, the Women's Dorm sponsored the campus Vesper Service. Participating were Donna Chaney, Sara Jobe, Fran Abell, Ann Winter, Cynthia Walker, and Elizaheth Starling.

Before going our separate ways for the holidays, we gathered to exchange gifts. Mrs. Duncum, Dorm Counselor, served punch and cookies. "Twas a happy "Night Before Christmas Vacation."

But the days of mistletoe, holly, sleeping late, and turkey are over. Today it's back to the books with our sights set ahead for semester exams. Do you suppose our professors will take heart at all those New Year's resolutions to study hard?

By BOB REYNOLDS

This may not be a startling revelation like Mrs. Gatlin recommends, hut we in the Men's Dorm have elected a dormitory council to govern us. David Chance heads up the council as chairman. The other members are George Potts, representing the first floor, and A. . Jordan repesenting the second floor. The council's first action was to revise the dormitory regulations. They are now mainly concerned with keeping us in line.

For several of our out-of-state students, Christmas was their first visit home since September. All returned, however, anxious to finish the first semester. We had a new resident then, Pat McDonnell.

The first week after the vacation was the most hectic. Talk of Christmas parties and Christmas meals dominated the conversations. Many demionstrated new "twist" steps. Settling back into a routine required some concentration, but the faculty was very helpful.

On Sunday, January 7, the dormitory men conducted the Vespers' Service with a record turnout. The remainder of the weeks were spent in preparing for exams. We are all looking forward to them. I hope that all of us will be here next semester to enjoy the fellowship of the men's dormitory at Methodist College.

It was during that week that the new dorm council got its first case when a bowling alley was opened up on the second floor. All proceedings went smoothly, a tribute to the council.

P.S. I want to put in a plug for my other column by saying that the majority of the dorm men are interested in a sports program.

Dear Gabby...

Dear Gabby:

I know you help people with problems, and I have a problem. Whenever I watch TV, my eyes cross and stay that way for 24 hours. My fiance loves to watch TV. Do you think we can build a happy marriage? Crosseyed but in love.

Dear CBIL: Why knot?

Dear Gabby:

College girls make me nervous, and I can never think of anything to say to them. What makes them so hard to talk to? Curious lad.

Dear CL: I would like to know myself.

Dear Gabby:

What about these girls in the dormitory who make like Louis Armstrong at 2:30 a.m.?

Someone above

Dear SA: Take up the tuba!

Dear Gabby:

Will the format of the "twist" help me keep "in the groove" with my students?

A faculty member

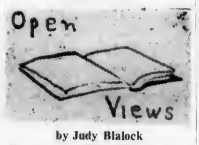
Dear FM:

No, but it will increase your basic metabolism.

Dear Gabby:

A boy I hardly know has been telephoning me at the dormitory and baiting his line with all kinds of goodies. He sure does flatter me. Should I believe him when he says I'm attractive? In doubt

Dear ID: It depends on what kind of fish you think you are.



by Judy Blalock

All of us have heard reports or read articles concerning the atomic bomb, but have you read the eye - witness account in **Dawn Over Zero**? This book is the full story of the atom bomb written by the man who is unquestionably the best qualified to write it. William L. Laurence was the only civilian to go along on the bombing of Nagasaki. In **Dawn Over Zero,** Mr Laurence tells of the first test of the bomb in New Mexico and of its actual use the day before the Japanese sued for peace. He also explains the theory behind atomic energy, the use to which it was put by scientists in discoverng new elements, and the part these elements play in the development of atomic energy. If you have not read this dramatic eye-witness account of the bombing over Nagasaki, you haven't read the complete story, so far as it may yet be revealed, of the complete story of the atomic bomb.

In Charles S. Braden's **The Scriptures of Mankind,** we are presented with a study of the great Bibles of the world. This book describes the traditions of pre - literate peoples and the writings of Egypt, Babylonia, Taoism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and many others.

Combined Choruses Present College Christmas Program

A Bach cantata, led by Dr. Willis Gates, was presented by the Methodist College Chorus and the Hay Street Methodist Church choir at the annual Methodist College Christmas program on December 14, at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Union building. The Cantata consisted of three songs by both groups, and three solos given by members of the choir at Hay Street Methodist Church. The soloists were Mrs. Blanche Byrd, contralto: Mr. Maurice Downs, tenor; and Jeff Ishee, son of Mrs. Ishee, who is a private piano instructor. The public was invited, and the program was enjoyed by everyone.

Dr. Willis Gates, choir director at Hay Street Methodist church and the Music Professor at Methodist College, wishes, along with the other chorus members, to extend an invitation to any students interested to join the chorus.

The chorus is planning a Spring concert, which will include both secular and sacred songs. There will be some individual numbers and ensembles.

An election was held to vote on officers for the chorus. The following students were elected: Billy Wolfe, president; Betty Guy, vice president; Pat Jackson, secretary; and Barbetta Smith, treasurer.

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Sports ANGLES

By BOB REYNOLDS

Has Methodist College's sports career ended with one volleyball game? A well - rounded college needs an athletic program of some kind. A well - rounded student needs to participate in such a program. When will it come?

The best comparison I have to illustrate our athletic "gap" is the athletic program at Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. Wesleyan is also only 2 years old. The most publicized fact of their organization is their baseball team, which competed last year and will have a 16 game schedule this year. However, they also have a well - organized intramural set-up. I advocate such a program strongly.

At Wesleyan, all interested in intramurals signed up and were divided into teams. Throughout the year, the teams compete in appropriate sports. We had a start in intramural volleyball, but when is the next intramural event? When will we ever have any athletic events if we don't plant the seeds now?

In this column I am not going to argue the merits of athletics. The best argument I could possibly have is 100 slips of paper representing 100 individuals who desire to participate in a sports program. If any of you (men and women) are interested in this, please fill out the coupon on this page and drop it in the envelope on the door of the SMALL TALK office, C-106, by January 29.

PIANIST SHOWS STYLE — Wolfgang Feisch, an accomplished pianist and Professor of Music at East Carolina College in Greenville, North Carolina, presented a concert December 1, at the science building auditorium. Above he is giving an informal demonstration to Barbara Holmes (left) and Billy Wolfe (Standing). Both students study piano in the college's department.

Chapel Speakers Present Great Variety Of Ideas

Since Dr. Weaver was not able to be present on November 20, 1961, the chapel service was conducted by Dr. Sam Womack. The service was devoted entirely to the memory of Dr. William L. Clegg who died on November 18, 1961. Dr. Clegg was superintendent of the Burlington District of the Methodist Church and a member of the board of trustees of Methodist College. A moment of silent prayer followed by a special prayer given by Dr. Womack was devoted to Dr. Clegg. Dr. Womack spoke on the subject "God, the Source of All Power and Light."

On November 29, 1961, the two chapel visitors were Dr. William E. Smith, vice president of Wesley Theology Seminary in Washington, D. C. and Dr. Nat Harrison, formerly vice - president of High Point College and presently on the board of directors at Wesley Theology Seminary. The special speaker at chapel was Dr. Benton E. Barringer, clinical psychiatrist at the Cumberland County Guidance Center. On December 4, 1961, the chapel period was presented by the student council. Connor Holland presided over this meeting. The basic problem which Connor emphasized was student apathy. On December 6, 1961, Dr. Marie Fox of the history department presented a very thought-provoking question to the students: "Do you want to be a pig satisfied or a Socratoes dissatisfied?" A wonderful treat was in store for those who attended chapel on Friday, Decemher 8, 1961. Mrs. Bert Ishee presented her piano students in a recital featuring Christine Jones, Patricia Jackson, and Barbara Holmes. The chapel message on December 11, 1961, was given by Mr. Samuel Edwards of the physical education department, who stressed "service" as one of the greatest virtues. On December 13, 1961, chapel was presented by the pre-theological students. Louis Spilman read the scripture, Bobby Gene Bunce led the responsive reading, and Kermit Norris said a very inspiring prayer. Dr. Sam Womack delivered a sermon on the Christmas Spirit from the "mature point of view." On January 3, 1962, Dean Ficken opened the first chapel of the New Year with a "challenge." This challenge is the proposed formation of a student council.

Frosh & Sophs Elect Officers

Freshmen and Sophomores at Methodist College have elected class officers for the 1961-62 school term. Representing the Sophomore Class are: President, Ralph Hoggard of Fayetteville who served as vice - president of last year's Freshman Class; vice president, Harold Teague, a graduate of Massey Hill School and science major who plans to teach chemistry; secretary, Pat Jackson, a music major from Hope Mills. Re-elected for a second term as treasurer is Don Parsons, a math major and graduate of Fayetteville.

Leading the Freshman Class are: Shad Bosher, of Fayetteville, president; Seldon Rapelye, Wallingford, Vermont, vice-president. Billie Kelly of Sanford is serving as secretary and Yates Williams of Jacksonville is treasurer.

Committee Formed To Plan Social Code

A committee has been formed to discuss the probability of writing a social code of conduct to apply to behavior in the Student Union.

The committee evolved from a student body meeting called by Dean Ficken, December 8, in the Student Union.

Volunteering to serve on the committee were David Herring, Tommie Parker, Sandra Autry, Herbert Bush, Connor Holland, Helen Carter, Seldon Rapelye, and Mrs. Dent, Student Union Hostess. Herbert Bush is serving as chairman.

Students Decorate Union for Christmas

The first visible preparations for the Christmas Dance took place on this past December 5th, when Mrs. Dent, hostess of the Student Union, obtained a Christmas tree through the efforts of Ralph Baggett, Linda Leigh, O. B. Little, Dale Meeks, Tommie Morgan, Whit Collins and Johnny Hamilton. The students returned with a 14 - foot tree and some mistletoe.

The following Thursday, December 7, decorating began under the supervision of Tommie Morgan, Decorations Chairman.

The Christmas Dance was held Saturday, December 9, from 8:00 until 12:00 p.m. in the Student Union.

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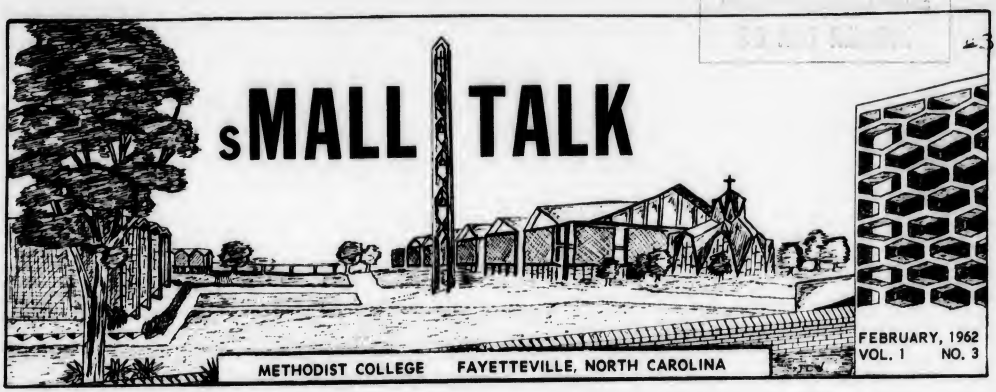

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Dean's List Announced

A Valentine Dance was held Saturday night, February 10, in the Student Union. Joyce Pullen was decorations chairman, Sandra Autry and Tommie Parker were in charge of refreshments. The Vagabonds from Fort Bragg furnished the music. Above pictured at the refreshment table are (l. to r.) J. F. Dunn, Betty Maness, Billy Wolfe, Joyce Pullen, and Mrs. Dent, official hostess.

E.S.P. Experiments Conducted At MC

Henry Walker, sophomore, is setting up an experiment in E. S. P (extra-sensory perception) at Methodist College under the informal supervision of Dr. J. B. Rhine, internationally known psychologist and author and head of the Parapsychology Laboratory at Duke University. Any students who would like to participate as subjects are urged to contact Henry.

The group selected to participate will meet once a week to discuss and evaluate the E. S. P results obtained here. Dr. Rhine will be at Methodist College on April 17, as the last speaker in the 1961-62 Lecture-Concert series. At that time the local group will meet with him and discuss their experimental results.

On January 29, Henry was a guest of Dr. Rhine at the Parapsychology Laboratory, toured the lab. and the library, and obtained detailed information and materials relating to the conduct of experiments in general, extra-sensory perception, clairvoyance and telepathy.

Henry's interest in this area of psychology is of long standing but has been sparked recently by his contacts with Dr. Marie Fox who put him in touch with Dr. Rhine at Duke, with whom she was formerly associated when a student there.

About his recent trip to Duke, Henry said, "I have never met such a dedicated group of people. Dr. Rhine treated me like a fellow colleague, expressed interest in our local experiments and helped me outline a series of experiments to run at Methodist College."

Lecturer Speaks On African Trip

Tuesday night, February 6, at 8:00 p. m. in the Science Auditorium, an illustrated lecture was presented by Mrs. Rosa J. Tillit lecturer and educator. Mrs. Tillit has taught in several Universities in the U. S. She is a graduate of Peabody College, Tennessee, where she received her degrees. She has traveled in many foreign countries, among them Canada, France, Japan, and the British Isles.

Her lecture was entitled "Africa as I Saw It." In the lecture she told of customs, common habits and of her own personal recent experiences there.

Piano Added To Music Dept

A new ebony Baldwin 6 foot 3 inch piano was moved into the Science Auditorium during the Christmas holidays. Professor of Music, Dr Willis Gates, stated that the piano is "the best piano in town or in a recital hall that I have heard."

The College Chorus is busy rehearsing for the spring concert. Second semester, several new members were added to the chorus group.

Religious Emphasis Week Is Planned

Religious Emphasis Week, sponsored by the Student Christian Association will be held during the week of April ninth through thirteenth.

"What are you doing with your life?" will be the theme carried out throughout the week in chapel programs and short meditations between classes. Rev. Troy Barrett of Warrington Wesley Memorial Church will be guest speaker, on the campus during the week.

Plans such as question periods during the lunch hour with Rev. Barrett, special recreation directed by Rev. Barrett, special recreation directed by Rev. Barrett and Mrs. Dent, and a candlelight service are being made by the officers of the Student Christian Association and Dr. Sam Womack to make Religious Emphasis Week important to all.

Dramatics Club Is Formed Feb 6

The first meeting of the campus Dramatics Club was held February 6 at 12:30 in room C-204 with Mrs. Judith Gatlin, advisor, presiding. Losing no time in getting under way, the group elected Herb Bush as chairman of a nominating committee and David Herring as chairman of a programming committee. These two chairmen, at the next meeting of the club, will submit to the group a slate of officers, a selection of names for the club, and a tentative program schedule for the next four meetings.

The next meeting of this group will be February 18, at 7:30, in the college library. Already on the agenda as guest speaker is Captain Ralph (Mark) Broman who works in association with the Fort Bragg Players. Captain Broman will speak of his experiences with the theatre. Any students interested are urged to come and are invited to join the Dramtics Club.

Twenty-Two Students Named To First Roll Of School Year

Twenty-two students were named to the Dean's List for the first semester of this school year at chapel program on Wednesday, February 14. The present Dean's List is the third one which has been published since the college's beginning in September, 1960.

Those students named were as follows; Sandra Autry, Elaine Barbee, Alton Bethea, Judith Blalock Betty Bunce, Eugene Coats, Louise Council, Lela Croom, Reese Edwards, Carolyn Faircloth, Dixie Godwin, David Herring, Ralph Hoggard, Patricia Jackson, Virginia Kern, Lula Marley, Robert Reynolds, Barbara Rine, Francis Stewart, Roderick Waldbart, Margaret Weston, and Willisteen Hall.

The announcement was made by Dean C. E. Ficken, who stated that these students were to be honored for their high academic achievement. The Dean also stated that there were many other students who missed the list by only a few points.

Requirements for the Dean's list are that the student has at least a "B" average for the semester's work and that he carry at least 12 hours. According to the Dean, it is probable that the requirements for making this honor will become more stringent as students enter their last two years.

Of the twenty-two students named to this list, six have been on all three of the lists published They are Elaine Barbee, Louise Council, Ralph Hoggard, Patricia Jackson, Virginia Kern, and Margaret Weston.

It should be noted that the above Dean's List students are also active in other activities on the Campus therby proving the old adage, "that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

ON THE DEAN'S LIST are, front row, left to right, Barbara Rine, Elaine Barbee, Patricia Jackson, Dixie Godwin; second row, Lela Croom, Willisteen Hall, Virginia Kern, Betty Bunce; third row, Carolyn Faircloth, Louise Council, Lula Marley, Bob Reynolds; fourth row, Frances Stewart, Rose Edwards, Eugene Coats, Ralph Haggard.

The Lonely Crowd

"This younger generation--what is it coming to?" How many times have I heard my father say those words? He doesn't think that we're punks, or even that we're going to the dogs; but he does wonder why we all look, act, and sound alike. I don't dare answer his rather rhetorical question, but if I did, it could be answered in this one word-conformity. Although I am one of "the crowd," I agree with my father in that conformity destroys individualism and unites "the crowd".

Traces of conformity are evident all through life. When I was young, I just had to have a gun and holster because all the other children in my neighborhood had them. Of course, I never stopped to think that all the other children in my neighborhood were boys. Even if I had thought of it, it would have made no difference because I was being accepted as one of the guys.

The truly golden age of conformity is the period of adolescence and early adulthood --the high school and college years. All of a sudden, a little more than a gun and a holster is required to belong. There are qualifications to meet in dress, actions, and speech. For example, if a boy doesn't have a "London Fog" and "Weejuns", he's just not "Ivy." If a girl doesn't have a boycoat with a raccoon collar and at least a dozen Villager blouses, she's just "out of it." Not must you spend a million dollars on clothes, you must go to just the right places to get them--Leon Sugars, Howard's and the Capitol--and to be seen in them --Striebs, Hillcrest, Clinton, Falson, and Hay Street Methodist Church. (I'll never forget a friend of mine asking me to join that church because "Everybody goes there.") The effects of conformity on the person are noticed gradually and usually by his elders. Just as my father says we all look alike, conformity destroys individuality; it detracts from the personality and character, leaving only the empty shell of belonging. In some cases, grades go down ---there are so many things other than school work that simply must be done to be "in it." Often the homelife becomes strained and complicated; as we get more deeply involved in the crowd, the less time we have to think about home.

Conformity is really a terrifying thing when viewed from the outside; I know --I was "out of it" until I "wised up." Now I'm "in it" with "no sweat" and sometimes I wish I were "out of it" still.

(This guest editorial was written by Tommie Parker.)

To Be Or Not To Be ...

... On Your Honor

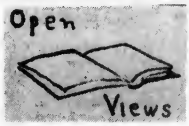
Among the main topics of discussion around the campus lately has been the prospect of installing an Honor System at Methodist College. Ears on the "listening post" would agree that the consensus supports the prospect as a noble and worthy endeavor. The students say it would be an advance to the college, an honor to the students, and a credit to the instructors.

Therefore, it can be said that the first step toward enacting a successful Honor System has been made. The first step is appreciation of the worth and nobility of the system. There is, however, yet another stride to be made. The students must commit themselves to abide by the rules of the system. Praise is not enough. They must resign themselves to compliance. The step is a large one across the breach between praise and compliance. Perhaps, Shakespeare said it best: "See that you come not to woo honor, but to wed it."

sMALL TALK POLICY

In the interest of bringing sMALL TALK to the students of Methodist College, the staff has decided to convert to an 8-page paper printed by off-set method beginning with the current issue. The advantage of this new method is that we will be able to print more and clearer pictures and and present a very readable type.

The staff welcomes all news, features, comments, and letters from students and faculty, but reserves the right to decide what material is suitable for publication.



by Judy Blalock

I wonder how many students take advantage of the opportunity to use the library for study? There seem to be very few students who use it frequently. When you have studying to do, why not go to the library and enjoy the quiet atmosphere? I believe you will find that you can study better and also have many books at your disposal to help you in each subject.

If there are any suggestions for improvements in the book and periodical collection or in the service of the library, which would encourage more frequent use of the library facilities, the librarian would be glad to consider them.

While you are browsing through the library this week, look around for these books: The Social Basis of American Communism and Excellence; I think you will enjoy them.

The Social Basis of American Communism is a very detailed report which examines the membership of the American Communist Party from its origin to the mid-1950's. This book, written by Nathan Glazer, is an attempt to show what kind of people joined the Communist Party, why they joined and why any of them left. If you would like to know if the Communist Party appealed primarily to the working class or to the middle class, or if it is true that a large percentage of the membership was Jewish, you will find these answers and many more in The Social Basis of American Communism.

Another book that you might check on is Excellence, written by John W. Gardner. This book discusses a tremendously controversial subject that is of great concern to an increasing number of people.

Mr. Gardner writes about the lack of high standards in numerous facets of American life, the causes, and the remedies. He answers such questions as "Can we be equal and excellent too?" "Does our devotion to equality condemn us to a pervasive mediocrity?" "Are we headed toward domination by an intellectual elite?"

This is an enjoyable and informative book for anyone concerned about our society's future.

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The Waking Giant

When we read about the violence in Africa and other such nations, do we consider it objectively or do we tend to accept only that part that fits our pattern of thinking? When the newspapers "scream" of turmoil in the Congo, Mau-mau uprisings, South Africa's isolationalism, and racial violence, we neglect to realize that Africa is a giant eager for the education and progress that will enable her to take her place in the world and to receive the respect due a continent of her size. We must realize that Africa does not consist solely of native uprisings and bad-faith of colonialism.

Our recent experience of hearing Lt. Samantar speak of his homeland in Samalia was very enlightening. He was a well-educated, sincere Samali who spoke with modesty and great pride of his country's independence which was peacefully achieved in 1960 without press headlines. There are many instances of such peaceful bids for life in the twentieth century. One of these was the very recent independence of Tanganyika obtained on December 9, 1961 after long-term co-operation between that country and Britain.

The press keeps before the public the picture of a struggle between Capitalism and Communism with the emerging African nations being the items up for bid in an auction for power between the Big Two. We must not let this picture cloud our realization that these new countries are finding themselves in a very complicated situation and only by great effort, study, and co-operation can violence be made a thing of the past. We can then hope for these nations there will be a courageous world of intelligent, peaceful co-operation.

Welcome Aboard

We the students at Methodist College would like to welcome the new students who have joined the student body this semester. We "old" students still remember what a unique and challenging experience it is to declare one's intentions to the college officials and to express the academic aim of receiving a college degree some day.

Here at Methodist College we have the job of trying to accomplish that aim and doing it in a responsible way. We have the privilege and responsibility of giving of our talents that will help to build a more meaningful and necessary student life on campus that will enable us to leave behind firmly rooted traditions of good citizenship.

New students, regardless of your hometown and background are now a part of a new community which welcomes you and asks for co-operation and participation. What will you contribute? Will you be active in student government, journalism, dramatics, sports or religious activities? Will you give evidence of good citizenship by abiding by the social code? Will you do your best academically? Will you help build Methodist College into the college its founders dreamed it would be? You may have joined us late but you are still welcomed as a "founding student" at Methodist College.

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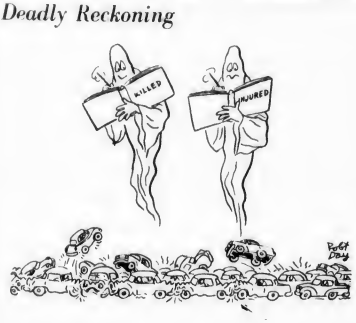

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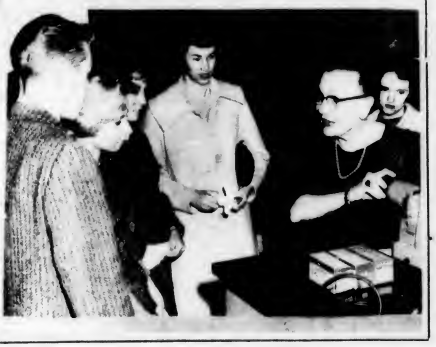

DORM-Sites!

By BOB REYNOLDS

The men's dorm began the second semester with four new faces in the crowd. The new residents are Steve Vanderhoot, Jud Plowden, Lee Garvin and Bill Brewer.

The winner of the most room inspections during the first semester was the team of Frank Foster and Glenn Bell. For their model housekeeping, they were awarded a prize of $5.

Everyone was given a clean slate, free from call-downs as the new semester began. Charles Vest was elected to fill the vacant position of second floor representative to the dorm council. A noticeable atmosphere of quiet now settles over the dorm during quiet hours. Perhaps the first semester grades had something to do with this, or it could be fear of the omnipotent dorm council.

A popular past-time, at least on the second floor, seems to be door decorating. I checked the second floor and found 5 out of 8 doors adorned in some manner or other.

If you hear music from no apparent source this semester, it is probably coming from a monstrous hifi set up constructed by Eddie Ray Thomas and Lester Mason.

Marked interest has shown up concerning the new dorm being built behind us. The engineers and architects in the dorm are very critical about the dorm construction. There are wholesale predictions of the life-span of the new buildings.

In retrospect of the first semester, the main complaints of the male residents were the food, the isolation of the college, and the over-all student apathy. I will not elaborate on the complaints because I do not want to make a point of playing up the bad aspects of Methodist College. However, I mentioned them because I do not want to overlook the bad side either.

By BARBARA RHINE

Conversations lately have been sparked by comments about the Valentine's Dance (February 10), a highlight night for girls in the dorm. Before the dance we overheard "What are you wearing?" and "May I borrow your pearl earrings?" Today it's "The band sounded pretty good" and "Where did you eat afterward?"

Newly elected hall monitors are Ann Winter and Elizabeth Starling. To them falls the happy fate of "keeping us in line." They will be working with a revised list of dorm rules which was drawn up and presented by the Council and later approved officially by Dean Ficken.

During that blizzard-type weather sometime ago, the distance from the dorm to the "mainland" seemed to double. When the white stuff started to fall there were hopes that we might be snowed in, but classes resumed right on schedule. With that first snowfall came the challenge to take up arms against the Men's Dorm. Weapons were the conventional melatable type so there were few casualties, and we claimed the victory even though the enemy was spreading conflicting rumors.

But yhat was January. February is well under way and AH! Times have changed! Sunday the fourth, some "adventure-seekers" seeing that the sun was out and the weather balmy, hiked down to the river where a couple of brave male-type souls went in for a dip. It seems that they came out blue, but that's beside the point. (What do you mean --nothing exciting happens around the campus on weekends?)

P. S. Glad to see one J. Pullen at the dance. Seems that hard work and good behavior spoke well for her so the dorm council presented her with a "proclamation of freedom."

Sounds from One Hand

by Virginia Kern

THE OBSERVER

How frantic, perishable life
Inhabits these nooks and crannies
for awhile.
An observer peeks,
Drinking in the kaleidoscopic sight
and for what?
He hunts --the shifting mass;
As if in doing or drinking
to encompass,
In cannabalistic style,
What to his eyes
Unites the beguiler with his guiles;
That he may deny the puppet show?
Whose animated string
Makes him move,
and jump,
and go?

Receives Recognition

Alva Stewart has recently published several articles in prominent newspapers and periodicals. His first recognition came on January 2, when the Christian Science Monitor published his article on the new Fayetteville organization known as CIVIC (Citizens in Vital Issues Concerned). The February issue of the "National Civic Review," which is distributed all over the United States, has also published Mr. Stewart's article on CIVIC --an organization dedicated to "take politics out of the back room and . . . to give every citizen a real opportunity to participate in the selection of candidates . . . strictly on merit."

Mr. Stewart has also written a series of articles on the growth and development of the Council-Manager type of government.

The Municipal South Magazine published in Charlotte, N. C. and distributed in fifteen southeastern states, published the first of these articles in the January 1962 issue. The second article will appear in the February issue. These articles are written in the form of a questionnaire accompanied by interesting statistical charts. Mr. Stewart has expressed his appreciation of Mrs. William's assistance in typing these charts.

Methodist College "Growth" Statistics Are Gratifying

In the process of growth of a new college, there are always statistics being passed around about the growth of the school. One of the most important of these statistics is the one which concerns the academic standing in comparison with the previous years. Thanks to the co-operation of Mr. Sam R. Edwards we are able to pass these statistics on to you.

Methodist College, in its first year of operation, had a total of eighty full time students. At the end of the first semester, thirteen and one half percent of this number had an average of "B" or better in twelve or more semester hours of work. This, compared with one hundred and ninety one full time students of the semester just past, reveals that twelve percent of these one hundred and ninety one full time students were able to attain an average of "B" or better in twelve or more semester hours of work.

With every group of statistics, there are always those on the lower end of the bracket of which we are not so proud. Thirty five percent of last year's first semester students were on the probation list. This year it is estimated that twenty-three per cent of the first semester students are on the probation list.

In conclusion then, it can be said that we are still maintaining a good number of students in the honor classification and we have improved considerably on the general average ability of the students we have with us this semester.

Variety Of Programs During 11:30 Assemblies

Recent chapel lectures have been sparked by a variety of speakers representing several professions and various backgrounds.

On January 8, Instructor of Mathematics, Grady Snyder, speaking on the current chapel lecture series topic, "This I Believe," gave his description of the characteristics of an "educated person." Basing his talk upon an article by Edward Wiggam in American Magazine, Mr. Snyder drew the conclusion that there is no mathematical formula for becoming an educated person, because the educated person encompasses more than a "body of facts." He is characterized by an open mind, a reasoning mind, and a creative outlook on life. Mr. Snyder said that the educated person endeavors to discover his own strong points so that he can "contribute something to the world."

The 10th of January, special guest speaker was Lieutenant Faher S. Samantar, specialist in immigration affairs in his native Samalia. At the time of his visit here, he was attending the Fort Bragg Special Forces School dealing with Psychological Warfare. Lt. Samantar spoke of conditions in his country and mentioned the effect of Communist infiltration. He said that the Mohammedans, having a religious outlook similar to Christians are not strangely influenced by the Communists. Politically, Africa is taking a "wait and see" attitude.

January 15, Mr. McAdams, Director of Public Relations, led the student body in a special prayer dedicated to the success of a meeting of President Weaver and the College trustees. Following the prayer, Mrs. Judith Gatlin, Instructor of English asked, "What would you die for?" She continued with her contribution to the "This I Believe" series, stating that one's answer to the question necessarily "implies a commitment," that each person must answer it for himself, and that the attempt to answer can be very satisfying because it "gives a reason for being." Mrs. Gatlin added, "You may not know what you would die for, but you can decide what you will live for." She herself is dedicated to education, a field in which she can work with "ideas" just as a sculptor works in the formation of his "ideals."

A Cuban refugee, Mrs. Lelia Montero addressed the assembled faculty and students on January 17.

On January 31, the Rev. Conrad Glass, director of youth work for the Carolina Youth Camps of the Methodist Conference, was the Chapel guest speaker. Rev. Glass showed color slides of Camp Chesnut Ridge and Camp Don Lee. A trail hike to Newfound Gap is a new experience offered by the Methodist Conference. College students may apply for positons as camp counselors during the summer camp season.

On February 2, 1962, the students met in the science auditorium to discuss and vote on the Code of Conduct.

On February 5, 1962, Dr. Weaver spoke to us on "The Danger of Love." Hosea 9:10 was the text quoted by Dr. Weaver. The text; "and they became detestable like the thing they loved," was illustrated by Dr. Weaver's description of the story, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. "Love is devotion" and since the things we love becomes part of us, it is important to be aware of what we love. "Do you love truth, duty, honor, justice?" Dr. Weaver asked.

Dr. Justus Bier, director of the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh was the guest speaker on February 9, 1962. Dr. Bier gave a short survey of the museum's Art Collection. There are more than nine hundred works on display with a total evaluation of over seven and one half million dollars. Dr. Bier's excellent commentary took the students on an artistic journey through the twelfth to the eighteenth century. Since the main theme depicted was Madonna and child, it was very easy and interesting to recognize the various interpretations of this most popular of all subjects. Student and faculty alike found this a most enlightening and enjoyable talk.

On February 12, 1962, Dr. Weaver spoke on the Improvability of Man. He read the text; Proberbs 23: 6-8. "I believe in the improvability of man and education is the best way to improve," said Dr. Weaver. Education is the search after truth and truth is "bound up with God." The most permanent things are often not demonstrable to the senses; for, the "dreamer dies, but never dies the dream."

The guest in chapel on February 14, 1962 was Mr. Otis Lambert, director of music at Highland Presbyterian Church. The students enthusiastically enjoyed Mr. Lambert's rendition of the following selections: Without A Song, I Want What I Want When I Want It, Sylvia; When I Think Upon the Maidens, and Short'nin' Bread. Mrs. Lambert accompanied the vocalist on the piano.

On February 16, 1962, Billy Wolfe gave a brilliant piano recital. He played the following numbers: Phantasie in C Minor K. 475 by Mozart and Scherzo in B-flat Minor op. 31 by Chopin.

Lonnie Bunch, freshman, preached his first sermon at Rose Hill Baptist Church on Sunday evening, February 4. He has decided to enter the ministry and is pursuing his college studies with that aim in mind.

Dear Gabby...

Dear Gabby:
My hair is jet black, but the guy I like prefers blondes. Would you advise me to bleach my hair?
Needs to know fast.

Dear NF: It's what's up front that counts.

Dear Gabby:
My rubber tree plant is missing from the student union. Do you have any suggestions on where to look for it?
Mrs. Dent.

Dear MD: Try room 26, men's dorm.

Dear Gabby:
I'm a big disgrace to the aborigine race. What should I do.
Charlie Drake

Dear CD; Learn to throw your boomerang.

Dear Gabby:
My college-age brother wants to take a job this summer in a nudist camp to make some money to continue his education. We all say no good can come of it, but he is going anyway. What is your advice to him?
Hurt and Disappointed.

Dear HD: Make sure you examine the bare facts.

Memberships Solicited

The American Freedom Association, Inc. which is a non-profit, educational organization with headquarters in Salisbury, N. C., is seeking student contributions and or memberships. Anyone interested in obtaining further information should see Mr. Alva Stewart.

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Dent Adds Attraction To Union

This year at Methodist College we are extremely fortunate in having gained as a member of our administrative staff, Mrs. Ingeborg M. Dent. Mrs. Dent was born in Central Germany and came to the United States with her husband, who was a Chief Warrant Officer in the U. S. Army at the Officer in the U. S. Army at the time of their marriage. As hostess in the Student Union, Mrs. Dent assists in the planning of social activities and guides the movement to improve the Union as a effective student center.

Mrs. Dent attended elementary and high school in Germany. Upon graduation from high school, she served one-half year of mandatory "Arbeitsdienst" (Labor Service), compulsory for every girl before going to the university. She then took four semesters of English and French at the Interpreters' College in Aachen. In Belgium in May, 1944, Mrs. Dent was drafted for war service as an interpreter. She was injured and released after the invasion in June, 1944. Her home in Duren was bombed and destroyed in November, 1944, and her family evacuated to two rooms in a village in Hessen near Frankfurt. Mrs. Dent was seriously injured during an air raid on Hamburg and was hospitalized off and on for one and one-half years. She attended the University of Cologne in 1947 and 1948, majoring in English and minoring in French, German Philosophy and Paedagogic.

After the Currency Reform in Germany in 1948, no funds were left for her education. She started working for U. S. Occupation Troops as Director of the German Youth Activites Center. After one year, Mrs. Dent worked for the Army Education Center and then for the Transportation Section as interpreter of English and French.

Mrs. Dent arrived in the United States in November, 1954. She received her citizenship here in November, 1956

Mrs. Dent has noted several interesting features of the European educational system. One usually begins elementary school at the age of six and goes for four years. He then must take a test in order to qualify for high school, and he must meet certain requirements or standards at the age of ten. The student attends high school for nine years. If, however, he does not qualify for high school, he must attend a Middle School until he is sixteen years old. The next step would probably be a trade school

In the German high schools, the student may not take a straight commercial course. Certain subjects are required, and anything additional must come after the required. The schools offer largely scientific programs consisting of subjects divided into two areas; languages and the natural sciences. The curriculum is strict, and the student takes what is offered. His only choice is that, in taking both languages and natural sciences, he may concentrate his educational program more upon one area than upon the other.

The final examination in the German high school is the equivalent of the first two years of general education in most colleges here in the U. S. Mrs. Dent has said. "The course requirements for higher education before a person can begin in a certain field take longer to complete in Europe than the courses here in the United States."

According to Mrs. Dent, an individual with a BA or a BS degree in the United States could not teach high school in Germany. He must have at least an MA degree. A beginning instructor in the German high school system is called a "Referendar". He is not considered an acutal high school teacher until he has taught two years. He then may be promoted to "Assessor," which is a little higher than "Referendar". The next step is "Studienrat" (Study counselor), the position which officially qualifies him as a high school instructor.

The European schools have no campuses at all; there are no dormitories. If a person does not live

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CUBA DISCUSSED--Mrs. Lilia Montero (center), Cuban refugee, spoke at chapel recently. Mrs. Montero chats with Dr. Sam Womack, Ann Winter,(second from left), Paul Gorski, (fourth from left), and Alva W. Stewart, librarian.

Cuban Refugee Presents Facts On Castro Regime

On January 17, the student body enjoyed a talk by Mrs. Lilia Montero, a very gracious Cuban refugee. Although she has been in this country only one month, Mrs. Montero speaks very fluent English. At present she is residing with her sponsor and former schoolmate, Mrs. Charles Olliff. After completing her college years at Mars Hill, North Carolina, Mrs. Montero returned to Cuba where she taught English in the Cuban public school system. When Castro came to power, she was asked to teach Marxist doctrines. She refused and was asked to resign. She came to this country so that her three children could have a Christian education in a free country. Mrs. Montero gave a brief outline of the terrors of living under Communist rule. She said that boys and girls from twelve to seventeen years of age were forced to join the army or "rebel youth group." This group forms the personal bodyguard of Raoul Castro who is the power behind Fidel Castro. Children from six to twelve must join the "pioneers" and their chief duty is to report on the activities of their parents. Even children below school age must belong to a group called the "infant's circle." Here they begin to learn the principles of communism. Mrs. Montero said that all churches have been closed, and church schools as well as public schools have been taken over by the government. Since Castro came to power, all property has been taken over by the government. U. S. industrial equipment is being replaced by Russian or Czechoslovakian machinery. Mrs. Montero said there is a great food shortage in Cuba, and all food is rationed. The average person has meat only twice a month. Mrs. Montero emphasized in her closing statement that the United States should realize that South America is in danger of being overrun by the communists.

Duo-Piano Team Appears Tonight

On February 21, 1962, at Methodist College's Science Auditorium, a duo-piano concert by Dr. and Mrs. William Sasser will be presented. Dr. Sasser, and his wife, Thelma, are accomplished pianists. They are both on the faculty of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

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Your 'What's View?"

By Barbetta Smith

February is the month of the presidents. Two of our greatest presidents were born in this month George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

There is an old story about George Washington which has been passed from generation to generation. Walter Weems tells of the story of "Washington and the Cherry Tree." That is the topic for discussion in this issue of sMALL TALK. Do you believe that George Washington really chopped down the cherry tree?

Dixie Godwin, Linden: "He might have chopped down the tree, for all little boys cut down trees. Chopping was popular in those days."

Arlanie Haywood, Troy: "I don't know, but everyone says he did. You just have to go by what you read."

Jarden Hilderbrant, Fayetteville: "Well, if he didn't somebody sure told a big one. Seriously, I think it is merely a story to illustrate his integrity and honesty. Someone must have told it in trying to show just how honest Washington was and it has been passed on through the years."

Pat Jackson, Hope Mills: "He didn't actually cut down the cherry tree, but the story is used as a symbol of the truth which characterizes George Washington."

Patsy Melvin, Stedman: "No, I believe it is a tale which has been passed down from generation to generation just as folklore and ballads, to show how honest George Washington was. I believe that if it had been true, it would have been put in history books, but the nation had built a great image of Washington and Mr. Weems was only fulfilling this image."

Betty Neill Guy, Fayetteville: "He could have. Like the penny Lincoln was supposed to have walked two miles in the snow to return to the storekeeper. We have had such honest people but whether Washington was or not, I'll leave to the historians to decide."

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As I See It

By Kermit Norris

I, like most people have long been suspicious of those proverbial characters who make their living by door-to-door salesmanship. Perhaps, I envy their ability to sell products that nobody really wants, or my avarice towards salesmen may be caused by my definite dislike of discussing the purchase of a hospitalization plan or a vacuum cleaner in my stocking feet and mutilated undershirt. I also regard being interrupted by a fire extinguisher peddler, while deeply engrossed in the ridiculous perplexities of Jack Douglas' My Brother Was An Only Child, as a gross infraction of my privacy and intellectual environment. Whatever the reasons may be, I have always had a marked distaste for salesmen, that is, until recently.

I know of a fellow who was doing a booming business of selling low cost hospitalization insurance to the low-income negro families in a certain area of our state. (The insurance was of a quality commensurate with its price.)

Recently, he became rather concerned, when several of his patrons cancelled their policies. Fearing an epidemic of lost commissions., Ralph (This isn't his real name, but it suits our purposes)endeavored to discover the reasons for the cancellations and, if possible, prevent a larger outbreak.

As things turned out, it seemed that a certain Sister Maria had established herself as a prominent Swami, Advisor, and Miracle Healer, especially among the local Negro population. And with this source of miraculous healing so near, what need did one have for insurance? Thus, Ralph was experiencing a sharp decline in business, which was a source of no small concern.

Resolving to do the only thing he could to remedy the situation, Ralph set out to convince his policy holders that Sister Maria's talents were of much less value and dependability than a sound insurance policy. Needless to say, an almost insurmountable barrier faced him, and I expected to see him selling used-cars, or Family Bibles, or multi-vitamin tablets within a week.

However, I soon learned that he was still selling the same insurance and enjoying increased business. I wondered what quirk of fate had brought about this unexpected change for the better, and I made inquiry into the matter.

I soon learned that, being unable to convince his customers that the Lady Swami was a fake, Ralph had co-ordinated his selling powers to the maximum and done the next best thing, thus proving the true artistry of his profession. He had sold Sister Maria a full year's coverage of his company's best policy.

This event cast a huge shadow of doubt over my personal dislike for salesmen and left me with the impression that there are three possible morals to this incident.

1. The world may be on the verge of emerging from the shadows of ignorance and superstition into the light of intelligent understanding.
2. One individual has the ability to lend a wreath of noble achievement and artistic nobility to a long negated calling.
3. As in the case of Sister Maria we don't always "practice what we preach."

I am interested in participating in:

1. Intramurals: ☐ Basketball ☐ Touch football ☐ Softball ☐ Volleyball ☐ Ping pong ☐ _____
2. ☐ in a Methodist College baseball team
3. ☐ in a field day some Saturday with another college

SIGNED _____

Mrs. Dent

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in a university town, he must rent a furnished room with a family there. Often this is difficult for the student, who has many problems to cope with because of the responsibilities of his new independence.

There are fraternities in Europe; sororities, however, are not popular as yet.

She likes our school a great deal, and hopes to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the near future to work for her MA so that she will be able to teach on the college level.

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I wonder if there will be any change in the attitude of our students now that second semester is well in progress? There are certainly some of us who found out that the instructors were not joking when they said that we must study. I wonder how many of us are really satisfied with the grades which are now a part of our permanent record? If you are not, there is one sure way to be certain that no additional unfavorable marks will be added to your record. Organized study seems to be the greatest remedy for bad grades. Why don't we all try it this semester. It might be very enlightening.

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I am still searching for that over abundance of school spirit which must be found on every college campus. It was certainly hiding during the freshman sponsored Valentine dance. Everyone certainly had a wonderful time at the dance but only at the never ceasing efforts of a very few. The officers of the Freshman class went way out on a limb, making a contract with a very good combo, but no one seemed to be willing to buy dance tickets. They were in quite a strain before the big event actually took place and I believe that it was undue pressure. Certainly when a group puts as much planning into a dance as this group did, they should have much more advanced encouragement. Waiting until the last moment to act, or not acting at all, is not my idea of good school spirit. The same thing happened last year when a big dance was planned. If we are to have activities at the college, the students must give some type of encouragement. In this case it was financial. at other times it will be physical assistance which is needed. If we are to ever move forward with student activities, we must get whole-heartedly behind each one. This means supporting dances, sports, and student government.

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The library could be a good place for students to study, but ours is not being used for study as much as it should. I understand that one of the reasons given for this is excessive noise in the halls. This may be one of the reasons, but I feel like the real reason is excessive noise and distractions in the library proper.

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The students have been promised, that this semester there will be a possibility for extra-curricular clubs to be organized.

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The Adult View

by Louise Council

A new semester, a wider smile a little nearer our goal --the ending of a semester and the begining of new work are real goal posts for the older students. Now we begin to feel more "at home" in the classroom, more relaxed in our work. I genuinely feel that some of us older students lose ground at times by our over anxiety and by putting too much pressure on ourselves.

My "guest in print" this week is Major Robert Lapke. Bob is a retired Army officer who came to Methodist last year in its beginning class. He brought with him a great enthusiasm for learning, and that enthusiasm has not been dampened by Math or Chemistry but seems to grow.

Bob was born and reared in Chicago, and he says that he seldom left home until he joined the Army in September, 1940. Since then he has done quite a bit of travelling. He did tours of duty in El Paso, Texas and Seattle Washington. Then he was sent to O. C. S. at Camp Davis, N.C. then, to Ft. Eustis, Va.

After Major Lapke was commissioned, just before the close of World War II, he volunteered for Airborne Service, the 181st Airborne, and served with them in the European theatre. He was stationed in Berchtesgaiden, Austria where he was greatly impressed by the never-say-die spirit of the Austrians amid their great tragedies.

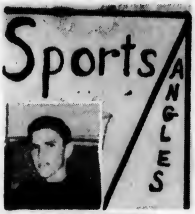
Bob joined the 82d Airborne Division and came to Fayetteville where he was stationed for 10 of his last 15 years in service. Here he met and married a girl whose husband had been killed on D-Day. She had a six-year old daughter.

Robert signed up for a tour of duty in Japan and his wife planned to join him there. The Korean Conflict caused her plans to be canceled at the last minute. Bob served with the Engineers In Korea and spent 12 months there.

After Korea he joined the 82d Airborne and was sent to Germany where he had an interesting tour. After assignments at Ft. Riley, Kansas and Ft. Leavenworth, he came back to Bragg. Here he joined the XVIII Airborne Corps and was on the STRAC Staff; he wound up again in the 82d Airborne Corp. Bob made jumps at Ft. Hood, Texas, In France, and at Ft. Benning Georgia. He has about 75 jumps to his credit, is a Master Parachutist and has sustained no serious injury in a jump. He states that he wouldn't mind jumping now. He retired August 31, 1960.

Bob says that during his service years he became more and more aware of the need for continuing his education and that he resolved to take advantage of opportunities that he might have for further education. He says that he may teach; he has an eye on business administration, but he hasn't fully decided just what he really would like to do. He prefers to expose himself to as many areas of learning as possible and then try to select one which he has the most affinity for.

Major Lapke is a great booster of Methodist College, because he feels that we have such dedicated and competent personnel. Bob says that he believes a student gains culturally for each day he is here due to the atmosphere of learning, which is always present. He thinks that our chapel programs are one of the most important facets of education offered and cause us to do some deep thinking.



By BOB REYNOLDS

We soon may have a sports program at Methodist College. The Community Council has appointed a committee to look into the sports issue, mainly intramurals. However, you will decide what the committee will choose to do. I am running a coupon for you to fill out if you did not turn in one last month. Please complete it and drop it in the envelope on the door of the sMALL TALK office, C-106 (Coupon on page 7)

Last month I was very disappointed to receive only 23 coupons. If there are only 23 men on campus who are interested in participating in a sports program, I am wasting my time writing this column. People ask me if we will have a baseball team this spring. Would you start a sports program for 23 people in a student body of over 200?

I would like to emphasize that both men and women are invited to turn in a coupon. The administration will not initiate a sports program until the students are sufficiently interested in one. If you want to wait until the administration acts on its own, you will not participate in sports at Methodist College this year, and maybe not even next year, unless you like to bowl. Even the bowling league was begun by the bowling lanes.

Besides a sports editor needs something to edit.

Students Guests Of Foundation

The Executive Board of the Methodist College Foundation has inaugurated a new policy of inviting two students to be its guests at a monthly luncheon in the college dining hall. The two students invited to the first luncheon on February 1, were Elaine Barbee and Bob Reynolds. The newly elected officers are: Newton Robertson, Jr. President, Mrs. McFayden Vice President, Bert Ishee, Treasurer, and Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis, Secretary.

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Religious Emphasis Week

During Religious Emphasis Week, April 13-19, Reverend Troy Barrett, Pastor of Warrington Wesley Memorial Church will be the guest speaker in chapel.

With the theme "What are you Doing With Your Life?" Religious Emphasis Week is being sponsored by the Student Christian Association. Reverend Barrett, former state director of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina, will speak on this theme and two others: "Ignorance and Intelligence in Your Life" and "Is Your Life a Problem or an Opportunity?

REV. TROY BARRETT,

Other highlights of the week will be luncheon meetings for question and discussion after each chapel and daily meditations in the Worship Center.

Monday and Tuesday, officers of the Student Christian Association will conduct the worship service in the Center. Other services will be sponsored by the Dramatics Club and Public Affairs Club on Wednesday, Science Club and Publications Staff-Thursday and the Psychology Club-Friday.

Reverend Barrett and Mrs. Dent, Student Union Hostess, are planning recreational activities in the Union on Friday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30. At 8:00 p. m. a Candlelight Service will be held in the Worship Center, and at 9:00 the Student Union will again be open for recreation

SCHEDULE FOR
RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

MONDAY:
9:20 - 9:30 - Meditation in Worship Center
2:00 - 2:10 - Meditation in Worship Center
11:30-12:00 - Chapel by Rev. Troy Barrett

TUESDAY:
10:20 - 10:30 - Meditation in Worship Center
1:00 - 1:10 - Meditation in Worship Center

WEDNESDAY:
9:20 - 9:30 - Meditation in Worship Center
2:00 - 2:10 - Meditation in Worship Center
11:30 -12:00 - Chapel by Rev. Troy Barrett

THURSDAY:
10:20 - 10:30-Meditation in Worship Center
1:00 - 1:10 -Meditation in Worship Center

FRIDAY:
9:20 - 9:30 - Meditation in Worship Center
11:30 -12:00 -Chapel by Rev. Troy Barrett
4:00- 5:30 - Recreation by Rev. Troy Barrett and Mrs. Dent in Student Union.
8:00 - 9:00 -Candlelight Service in Worship Center
9:00 - - Recreation -Student Union.

Library Exhibits Publications Of Various Faculty Members

It goes without saying, that the talents of Methodist College faculty members are many and varied. Further evidence to prove this supposition was provided by a recent display in the Library of a variety of writings from the pens of several members of the faculty.

The pieces offered ranged from published books to newspaper and magazine articles, and from book reviews to graduate dissertations.

According to reports the display was well received, and indications are that this may become an annual tradition. Mr Stewart has said, "Receptrion of this project has been better than for any previous display." It seems that each person found something to suit his interests among the works on display.

Presented for public viewing were graduate dissertations by Dr Ott and Dr. Womack, book reviews by Dr. Rowe, magazine articles by Mr. Stewart, a "How to" book by Dean Ficken, a research paper by Mr. Snyder, and an article written jointly by Jerry Wood and Dr. Ott. There was but one disturbing note! None of the ladymembers of the faculty were represented in the collection.

SPRING RECESS

Spring recess will begin at noon on Thursday, March 29. The six-day vacation will conclude when classes resume at noon, Wednesday, April 4. According to the catalog there is no additional vacation period scheduled during Easter holy week

ADDITION

Helen Carter, is an addition to the Dean's list who achieved this honor since announcement of the Fall semester.

Noted Lecturer To Speak April 17

On April 17, at 8 p. m. in the Student Union building a lecture will be presented by the internationally famous Dr. J. B. Rhine of the Parapsychology Laboratory of Duke University. Dr. Rhine's lecture will be entitled "Parapsychology and Man's Search for Understanding."

After having obtained Doctor's degrees from the University of Chicago in the Department of Botany, Dr. and Mrs. Rhine became interested in "Psychical Research." Dr. Rhine studied under William McDougall both at Harvard University and at Duke University.

Dr. Rhine has written a total of five books, three of which were written for the general public: "New Frontiers of the Mind," "New World of the Mind," and "The Reach of the Mind." The Rhines have made E. S. P. (Extra sensory perception) their special area of interest and research.

The public is invited to attend.

Local Scientists Publish Work

Jerry Wood, sophomore, and Dr Charles N. Ott, chemistry professor collaborated on an article which was published in the March 1962 issue of "The Science Teacher."

The monograph was concerned with corrosion, and demonstrated the protective action of the sacrificial magnesium anode. An actual picture of two small iron nails placed upon a moistened pad of absorbent cotton in a Petre dish and a diagramatic illustration were included in the monograph.

Dr. Weaver announced on March 13 that the Board of Trustees had voted to begin construction on a temporary gyinnasium during the summer of 1962. It is expected that this new gym will be ready for use during the fall of 1962.

The president also announced that next year a full-time Physical Education instructor will be employed. One job of this new instructor will be to conduct an intramural athletic program.

However, Methodist College will not participate in any inter-collegiate sports until the college is well-established and has a college caliber athletic program. This means in two years at a minimum. It was pointed out that the college does not discourage individual inter-collegiate participation in such sports as track, tennis, and the like. The college will not object to informal inter-collegiate meets or field days either.

This is a great step forward for sports at Methodist College. It is up to each student to make the best of what is available so more will be forthcoming.

May Queen

Margaret Weston, sophomore, who was elected May Queen at Methodist College last year will represent the college in the parade to be held at the Azalea festival to be at Wilmington on April 7.

Honesty -- Abstract Or Concrete ?

How would you feel if you thought you had lost the respect of someone of whom you were very fond? How would you feel if you looked around and suddenly realized all your friends were not with you but were in a special group in which you no longer existed? Perhaps this situation has never happened to you. It did happen to me.

During my last year in high school, I was quite fortunate in having an excellent English teacher. The course was difficult, and like all normal students, I grumbled occasionally about the homework. However, I enjoyed the class and made very good grades. Good grades --how much that did mean to me! I did not like to miss any classes because that would mean "getting behind" in my work. What would happen to my grades was all I could think about whenever it became necessary for me to leave school for a day or two. I abhored the idea of staying at home in bed with a cold or the flu. Grades! Grades! Grades! Was there anything more important? Yes, there was. It was a little abstract noun called "honesty."

One day I had not felt well, so I visited my doctor. I was admitted to the hospital with a gland infection, and I had to stay for about one week. I received my assignments each afternoon when my friends would visit me, but some days I just could not study. Finally, it was time for me to return to school, --and I was not prepared for my English class. The night before I was to go back to school, I remembered an article I had read while in the hospital. It was entitled, "The Pros and Cons of Socialized Medicine." This was exactly what my teacher wanted for the theme that I was to submit the following day. I decided the author had done such a splendid job of writing this article that I would merely use his ides. Well, I surely did use them --word for word! I knew my teacher would not know the difference because I had made A's on all my previous themes. I went back to school, handed in my paper, and felt no guilt whatsoever. When my paper was returned, a big A glowed on the top of the sheet. But somehow, I didn't like the way the A stared at me. It was wrong, and I knew it. The teacher praised all of us who had done so well, but I sat there petrified. I knew she didn't suspect; however, I also knew I had stolen someone else's ideas.

I believe that was the longest class period I ever sat through. I felt as if every student in some way must have known I had been dishonest. I could feel all of them staring and pointing at me.

I still said nothing. When I arrived home that evening, I went out into my backyard and carried a pencil and paper with me. I sat for two or three hours staring at the sky and writing a word or two whenever I wanted to. That evening I wrote the best theme I had ever written and learned the best lesson I could ever learn. The theme was addressed to my English teacher. The entire paper was an analogy, but it was written in such a way that she would know what I had done and what I had learned as a result.

Is honestly always the best policy? My answer now and a year from now if I should be asked, is "Yes, absolutely." There is no greater reward than having the respect and friendship of those around you. If all the world would realize the importance of honesty, this would be a better place in which to live. I am grateful for this experience, and I will never forget how I learned the hard way that honesty, though abstract, should be the "concrete" in each person's foundation.

(This editorial was written by Judith Blalock)

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Lets Remember

What does the date February 20, 1962 mean to you? If you remember correctly, you know that an American was sent orbiting around the earth. Did you stop to think what it meant to you personally? What were your feelings?

Did the adventure and danger of the voyage thrill you. Did you feel an attachment to John Glenn which was a mixture of love and fear? Did you feel that man had no right to enter the realm where only angels tread? Did you swell with pride over the image of the U. S. A. this presented before other nations? Did you feel that it was silly for men to more or less worship, for awhile, a man who was doing what the rest of us cannot or do not dare to do? Perhaps you have thought of it in economic terms; Did you begin to calculate ways and means to set up a space travel agency or a hot dog stand on the moon? Did you calculate what this innovation would mean in terms of more income tax?

No douht, there were some who were completely bored by the whole thing, or upset because it replaced scheduled T. V. programs. Then, there are those who slept innocently through the whole thing. But, certainly, we must agree with a statement made by a faculty member at a recent chapel, in that, perhaps never before in the history of man has so much love and respect been shown to one man by so many people for so long a time.

As I See It

By Kermit Norris

An announcer on one of the local radio stations continually dubs each of his sponsors as "good old home folks." This practice, no doubt, is an attempt to make his clients, and especially their products or goods, appealing to the long established attitudes of the provincialism on the part of his public. Since the names of his sponsors, such as Stanovitchky, Shenkelstein, Pilsudski, Sanchez, or Blumenbachen, are typically characteristic of "good old Southern aristocracy"; this dubious title may or may not be complimentary to his sponsors. There is one thing for certain, it is not very complimentary to the intelligence of his listeners.

(It was about this time that the pains first began.)

This brings me to consideration of another practice that is equally incongruent with this modern age of enlightenment. Quite often, I overhear friends encountering each other with this salutation, "Hi buddy. What's new?" He doesn't really want to know what is new, because we humans are the most skeptical creatures on this planet. He is merely being hypocritically polite.

If my memory serves me correctly, it was Alexander Pope who penned the following lines.

"Be not the first by whom the new are tried, Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

Whether Pope meant them to be or not, they pretty well sum up the philosophy of most people.

In effect the idea is: "Don't grab a biscuit, when it is so hot that you might get burned; but don't wait until it is so cold that it will not melt the butter."

I hear constantly, such phrases as : "Let's get back to the good old days;" "You just can't beat the old songs;" "The old books of the masters are the best;" "Give me that old time religion" and plenty of other evidences that people seemingly, have no desire to live in the present age.

Perhaps, this situation is an affliction that falls on every generation, because no two people are in concrete agreement as to when, what, or where were the "good old days," the "good old books, song, or faith."

If this philosophy had always prevailed among all men, I tremble to think of what might have happened. Mankind would, probably, still be living in caves; dragging their mates by the hair; talking in grunts and speeches; drawing pictures of bison on cave walls; eating raw meat; dying of smallpox, diptheria, in-growing toe nails, unassisted childbirth, and exposure to extreme weather conditions; worshipping rocks, mountains, clouds, lakes, and stars; and in general, thoroughly enjoying all of the abundant advantages of joyous surburban living in the "good old days."

(By this time the pains, though "good old pains," were almost unbearable.)

Would that we could all be more honest about and to ourselves, and in place of using the aforementioned greeting when meeting our acquaintances. (Since it is obvious that we don't care what is new) say instead, "Hi buddy. What's old?"

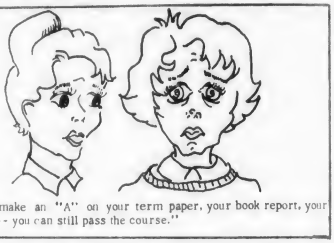
Lets Quit Talking

The rose has begun to fade! When we heard the phrase "Honor System" last semester we all took the affirmative leap. Of course, we wanted to be on our honor! Of course, we were responsible and dependable and mature adults. Of course, this was the best of all possible ways to go to college -- on our honor.

But some of us have begun to have second thoughts as a result of thinking about how to establish a working honor system. On second look the flowery phrase "on your honor' has begun to wither. What does it really mean? Does it mean no supervision at all academically or socially? Does it mean a spy system of students reporting to other students? What other students? If you see someone violating the social or academic rules of the college what should you do; go to the violator? go to a faculty member? do nothing?

The more we consider an honor system, the more we believe it is a relatively meaningless phrase. Being on our honor applies to us as human beings whether we have a "system" or not. We are paying out good money to see that as students we get a good education. The faculty and administration are being paid to see that we get it. Everyone at Methodist College has pledged himself, so to speak to this cause.

Let's drop all this talk about an honor "system" and dedicate ourselves to good study habits, good values and good sense. There is no "system" in life for insuring our honor. Every man is responsible to himself in this regard. The same bush that bears roses produces thorns. A wise gardener protects himself.



"If you make an "A" on your term paper, your book report, your final exam -- you can still pass the course."

What Makes You Grow?

"Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow? This question may be addressed to any teacher about any particular student or group of students and the response is likely to be a description ranging from self-justification to such piercing objectivity, one wonders how anything grows. But the real question is what kind of an atmosphere helps you, the student, grow.

One professor may decide to use a diet of sunshine and so he goes all out to put on a good show and gives you entertainment for your money. Is this what you want and expect in the college classroom? Do you expect to be entertained? Do you justify your lack of accomplishment by blaming the professor because he didn't make the subject enjoyable, or have you had so much fun in class that you found you had missed the point?

Another professor may think his garden needs a little cold water and so he uses the shock treatment. This is the suspense method. The student wonders what the professor will do next. It is true that many students blossom in this atmosphere because a little frustration often makes one develop powerful defense mechanisms. Some students find this type of stimulation interesting but confusing, while others simply want to curl up and die.

A steady, dependable nourishment consisting of the facts may be another teacher's idea of the most stimulating atmosphere. He says, I give them the food; all they have to do is grow. Yet, even here, there are student stragglers who droop under the monotonous diet; others perk up and flower into loquacious praise for this wonderful sustenance.

The well-rounded professor may decide that a little obstacle now and of some rain, some sun, and a few vitamins is what is needed. Now if variety is the spice of your life, you will probably find yourself with the spices, but discomforting discovery that a growth spurt presents its own problems. Too much enthusiasm for one subject may leave you too weak to tackle the others. On the other hand, there are those students who find the sun, the rain, and the vitamins too much of a struggle.

But it is that every professor may appear contrary to some and will appear contrary to all. The very least we budding flowers can do is sprouting seeds can do is to discover the climate we like best and let the professors know how we feel.

Sometimes a little inspection of the interior atmosphere helps. Doesn't a professor have a duty to every student -- a duty to help the student reconsider his prejudices, re-evaluate his opinions, and find reasons to support his beliefs? Does a student attend college to convince his professors that he already knows everything or does he come to be stimulated into new avenues of thought and action? For the most part, new avenues are not easy to build. Everyone including professors likes to cling to the familiar and comfortable; therefore, when criticism arises, it is best to apply it to one's self first. If something has been done or said which causes a violent reaction within us, shouldn't the first question be WHY instead of trying to find scapegoats or justifications?

Surely, the faculty does NOT agree with Mort Sahl when he says, "After all, if we couldn't laugh about these things, we might DO something about them."

Power and reliability of today's outboard motors are based on steel. One company's 60-horsepower models uses 326 stainless steel parts.

New Dean Assumes Duties Next Year

Dr. E. Dale Davis of the school of education at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, has been appointed to the staff of Methodist College, as Dean of Students and Chariman of the curriculum area of Education and Psychology. He will also direct and supervise the organization of a teacher training program and a testing and guidance bureau.

Dr. Davis is a graduate of the Philadelphus High School, Lumberton, after which he attended Campbell College. In 1951 he was graduated "Cum Laude" from Wake Forest College. He holds the Master of Education and Doctorate degrees from the University of North Carolina. For graduate study he was awarded a Kellogg's Fellowship and a scholarship by the state of North Carolina.

DR. E. D. DAVIS

He has served as principal of Fremont and Aycock High Schools in North Carolina and since 1959 has served on the faculty of Southern Methodist University.

Dr. Davis is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Epsilon Pi Eta, National Education Association and the American Association of College and University Professors. He will assume his new duties with Methodist College in September, 1962, working under the direct supervision of Dean Clarence Ficken.

Faculty Attends Open House

Open House was observed in both the men's and women's dormitories between 7:00 and 9:00 P. M. Friday, March 2. Faculty guests, and families of dorm students were invited to attend and observe the living quarters of the resident students. The Open House was observed in response to requests of several faculty members for an opportunity to visit the dorms. Refreshments were served in the women's dorm lounge. Sponsors of the Open House were Gretta Duncum, Counselor of the Women's Dorm and Alva Stewart, Counselor of the Men's Dorm.

Terry Sanford, chairman of our Board of Trustees, appears to be very little known around our campus. We understand that he walked into the classroom building from the student parking lot, through that building, and down to the student union, and during the entire trip only one student, whom he passed, even spoke to him. Our college should be striving for a reputation of being a friendly place. The students should feel a responsibility to speak to each visitor whom they pass on the campus. It certainly takes no time or energy to say "good morning", or "good afternoon," and it would mean much to the reputation which our school is building. By the way --for those of you who are evidently unaware-- Sanford, in addition to his duties as chairman of the board of Methodist College, is governor of North Carolina.

Our students, should be very careful to weigh each and every word which they say for publication. Several of our students were quoted in a recent issue of the local Fayetteville newspaper. I am sure that these students were asked certain standard questions, among them being one about their opinion of the "military" in Fayetteville. ANON was not polled by the reporter, and would have liked to have been. Had I been, these would have been my answers: We are glad to have an opportunity for higher education here in Fayetteville. The activities offered by the city are many, varied, and ample. We do, however, find it extremely hard to travel to and from town, as most of us do not have cars and the bus service is extremely inadequate. The "military?" Yes, we are aware that Fort Bragg exists just outside of Fayetteville, and feel that it is lucky for Fayetteville that it does. We would hate to try and visualize how small this town would be if the "military" was not here. Bother us? Certainly not! Most of the time our interests are different and we don't even come into contact. When we do, we have found that "military" personnel is very kind, courteous and helpful.

Selective Service Test April 17

According to Mr. Sam Edwards, Registrar, applications for the Selective Service College Qualification Test to be given on April 17, are now available to college students at the Selective Service local boards throughout North Carolina.

Applications for the test must be postmarked no later than midnight, Tuesday, March 27. Eligible students may also obtain information about the test from any local board.

Chapel Schedule Changed

The administration office has announced that the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 11:30 a. m. are to be reserved for class meetings and assemblies. Other organizations should note this when scheduling their meetings.

Mr. Edwards has stated that he will provide a weekly calendar of events to avoid conflicts. Material should be submitted to him by 4:00 p. m. for a Thursday publication for the coming week.

Dear Gabby...

Dear Gabby:

As I was driving by M. C. the other day, a golf ball came flying through my car window. Who was the "Sam Snead?"

Broken Windshield

Dear B. W. : Take it up with the Community Council.

Dear Gahby:

My English instructor required us to read The Catcher in the Rye and I am shocked by the dialogue. Do People really talk that way?

Naivete

Dear N; Hell, Yes!

Dear Gahby:

I lost my girl last week, and now I want her back again. What can I do?

Johnny Parker

Dear JP: Write her a song.

Dear Gahby:

What did General Custer say when he saw the Indians coming at the Little Big Horn?

A History Major

Dear H. M: He said, "Here come the Indians."

Note: Any students with problems or questions are invited to submit them to Gabby by putting them in the box on the door of the sMALL TALK office, C-106.

Swor Speaks To Students

On March 14, students and faculty heard an informative lecture by Dr. Chester E. Swor. Dr. Swor was the past Dean of Men and Professor of English at Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi. He now spends his time traveling and lecturing to church and college audiences over the entire United States.

Dr. Swor was introduced to the students by Dr. Louis S. Gaines Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

Dr. Swor said that as scrap metal was utilized during World War II, so the scrap metal in our lives can bring us great opportunities for development. the moments that are squandered can be realized as moments of opportunity. Dr. Swor stressed three important things in life that should be cultivated; everyone should read good books, make good friends, and keep them, realize a love of God and retain it.

Dr. Swor laced his main points of discussion with many personal experiences and appropriate examples of the redeemability of human nature.

He said that he was greatly impressed by the progress and tandards set by Methodist College. He has been interested in the development of a new college at Mobile, Alahama, and has sent to the president, Dr. William Weaver, information about Methodist College.

DORM-Sites!

By: Bob Reynolds

We have a new dorm council There was no coup d' etat. This change in administration was brought about by the peaceful election process which we cherish in America. The new council chairman is Lee Garvin. The second floor representative is Lester Mason and the first floor representative is John Hamilton.

The open-house held on March 2 revealed to all who came the luxury and ease in which we live. I hope all our visitors came with open minds.

Since I mentioned in the last issue about the door decorations, the second floor has made a unanimous effort in that direction. All eight doors have appropriate adornment ranging from Xanadu to the Monastery. The first floor seems to be lagging, as only two of six rooms have ornamented their entrances.

Recently Mr Stewart initiated a policy of twice a week posting a thought-provoking aphorism or maxim by some American. This section of the bulletin board is called "reflections." I trust that all the residents will benefit from this. I must add that the most famous adage in the dorm is: "When in douht, punt."

As spring approaches, all the minds of the male residents are turning to thoughts of studying hard What birds and bees? We've got mid-semester exams coming up.

In an effort to grant recognition to the faithful dorm residents this month I would like to mention Dave Altman, Allen Hayes, George Potts, Dan Graves, Lewis Smith, John Hall, Glenn Bell, George Taylor, and Jerry Daughtry. Next month I will continue the list.

By Barbara Rine

Whew! With rpid-terms over, that huge sigh of relief is almost audible. And spirits are rising --Spring hreak is here.

We had guests in the halls and in and out of the rooms during Open House, Friday, the 2nd. Both the Men's and Women's Dorms were open to the public and several faculty members, relatives, and guests came for an inside view of campus living. Seems that we're all getting to be pretty good housekeepers. (What do you mean--there was dust under my bed?)

In a recent dorm meeting Anne Smithwick was elected to the Council. She will represent first floor.

Most of the excitement of the past few weeks has died down. Even that night we met on the front steps to "man the fort" with golf clubs and brooms is a little hazy in the memory. Most schools are forced to adopt a policy on drinking, Methodist colicy on drinking. Methodist College being no exception. So on we stride with a "Bury the past" attitude and one lesson learned.

Walked into the dining hall the other evening for supper and noticed that someone had done a fine job of decorating the tables with a Saint Patrick's Day theme. It's a tribute that the college can host such a gala banquet as the one that night but what a shame that at such times resident students are served sandwiches. Complaints aside, there have been some encouraging remarks lately about Saturday breakfasts (homemade waffles!)

Oh! Did I mention that Dorm students are required to remain on campus during the Spring break? This is to insure a peaceful weekend for families and friends at home . . . . April Fool!

P. S. Why don't YOU attend Vespers next week?

Attention Students

Applications for membership on the 1962-63 sMALL TALK staff are available from Elaine Barbee, editor.

Prerequisites for membership include at least a "C" average in English and a good academic standing at Methodist College.

Positions which are open are editor, copy editor, makeup editor, photographic editor, business manager, advertising manager, circulation manager, artist, editorial staff, and business staff.

The applications will be screened by the Publications Committee, headed by Dr. Marie Fox, and the current sMALL TALK officers, after which a slate on candidates will be presented to the staff for final election. The results of this election will be announced in the April issue of sMALL TALK.

Your "What's View?"

By Barbetta Smith

Many North Carolinians take their state for granted. We are always wanting to take our summer trips to the states surrounding us, rather than enjoy the scenic beauty in which we live. From the beach, to the piedmont, and to the mountains, or, as an advertisement once put it, from Manteo to Murphy, there are many beautiful sights to behold.

We have a number of students on campus who are from out-of-state. I have asked three students: "What is your opinion of North Carolina?" One of the students I talked to told me that he had really not formed an opinion as yet. I hope, as I know many of you do, that this was not said because he had formed an unpleasant opinion of our state and hated to embarrass us. The following students, however, did consent to state their views.

BARBARA RHINE, TACOMA, WASHINGTON: Since I've been in North Carolina I've been initiated to grits and turnip greens,but still haven't started to say 'y'all." I must admit that being so far away from home has been hard at times but this "breaking of the apron strings" has been good for Me. I've met many wonderful people here and am beginning to see why Tarheels are proud of their state. North Carolina has a lot of tradition and history, and all of it is interesting. But have you ever tried to read one of those state historical markers, when you're driving along at 40 or 50 m. p. h.?

SELDON RAPELYE, WALLINGFORD, VERMONT: I have found North Carolina a beautiful state and the people very friendly, considering I came from the North.

I enjoy the weather very much. However, I do have one grip about the weather, "Why so much wind?" Also, I enjoy the pine trees, but I dislike the sandspurs.

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One of my leading grips about North Carolina is the sales tax.

The city of Fayetteville seems to show a great interest in the college as a whole, and I have found the people friendly to the students

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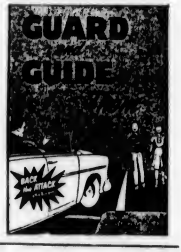
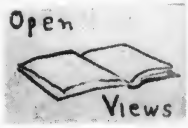


Party Regulations Set By Council

The Community Council has announced a standard procedure for all college parties. The first steps are (1) to secure approval of Community Council for sponsorship of the event, and (2). to clear proposed time, place, faculty sponsor, and chaperonage with the Registrar, the Comptroller, and the Counselor of Women.

In consultation with the faculty sponsor, a general meeting of the organization authorized to sponsor the party should be held at least two months before the party, in order to present the proposed project to all members of the organization and make plans for the various committees that will be needed.



by Judy Blalock

In a recent chapel program, Dr. Chester E. Swor said, "Every one should read at least one good book a month." Have YOU read your good books for this month? If not, make it a point to check on these books when you're in the library: WHAT IVAN KNOWS THAT JOHNNY DOESN'T and CHINA AND HER SHADOW.

"By the time American schoolchildren get Jack and Jill up that hill, Soviet children of the same age will probably be discussing the hill's altitude, mineral deposits and geo-political role in world affairs." This comment in world affairs." This comment by a prominent book reviewer is a startling statement about which every American individual should be concerned. By the time an American fourth grader is able to read 1500 words from his classroom reader, a Soviet student in the fourth grade is expected to read10,000 words. These and many other fascinating reports are discussed in WHAT IVAN KNOWS THAT JOHNNY DOESN'T by Arthus S. Trace, Jr. In this book Mr. Trace compares the Soviet andAmerican school programs and offers suggestions on how we can meet the Soviet challenge. If you are an American citizen, and if you are concerned about the world situation that lies ahead, you owe it to yourself and to the children of tomorrow to read this book and find out what YOU must do in order to help our "Johnny" catch up with the Soviet, "Ivan."

I don't believe our library's copy of CHINA AND HER SHADOW is the one that Russia officially asked to be withdrawn from the Frenchexhibition in Moscow in 1961, but it is surely a duplicate in every sense of the word. It was so accurate that the Communists could not tolerate it even under the glass case of an exhibition! Written by Tibor Mende, this book provides a "brilliant, frightening analysis of China's economic about -face and shows hov the logic of history ironically invited China to Westernize-- to reap the benefits of industrlalization and scientific progress-- with the aid of an anti-Western creed."

On March 9, a Sonata recital was presented in the science auditorium by Dr. Willis Gates, violinist and music director at Methodist college, and James Murdock, pianist from Fort Bragg.

Mr. Murdock is a graduate of Long Beach State College, California, where he received his B. A. and M. A. degrees. He is presently attached to the 440th Band at Fort Bragg, where he now serves in the Armed Forces.

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The Adult View

by Louise Council

The hustle and bustle of preparation for mid-terms is again upon us. There are dead-lines, for term papers and book reviews to be met. One hardly has time to draw a long breath. The students with families are really feeling pressured. Now is the time when such questions as "Why am I here?" and "Is it worth it?" We are continually being asked of ourselves. Next week the pendulum will swing the other way and there will be no questions!

My visit for this writing of the column was with Virginia Kern of Fayetteville. Virginia has led a varied and interesting life, and she had lived in various sections of the country at different times.

Mrs. Kern was born in Springfield, Massachusetts and lived in Banzor, Maine and the Northeastern states during her childhood. Virginia was much impressed with the differences in the school systems of the East and those of the West when her family moved to Los Angeles, California, and she entered high school there. She states that the schools in the North placed emphasis on Math and Latin early in the academic life of a child, that these schools were more formal in dress and manner. The schools in California were more progressive, the atmosphere more relaxed. The high school she attended had three thousand pupils enrolled and the school was a liberal arts school. Sports for girls was stressed; emphasis on physical fitness and not physical education. Virginia believes that the California schools gave more students more overall opportunities. In these schools there was no racial discrimination and no problems as to race --this taught that people should be judged on merit alone.

Part-time jobs helped Virginia to earn her way through high school. After she graduated from high school, she went to work full time. Virginia married a service man whom she had met in California. He is a service career man. They lived on the desert for a while. They have also lived in Utah, California, and Texas. Her husband was sent to Okinawa during World War II, and he was there for a year. When he returned stateside, they lived in Oklahoma for a while. When her husband was sent to England Virginia drove across country with her three small children and made all the arrangements for the trip-passports, shots, etc. Virginia says that the processing and long wait at Ft. Hamilton Va. was one of the most depressing experiences of her life. The waiting quarters were terrible, but when the processing was finally over, they experienced the opposite extreme with luxury quarters aboard ship.

In England, everything was different, --money, weight and size measurements, etc. Virginia enrolled their oldest child in a regular British school. She says that in British, schools first graders learn the multiplication tables through the twelfth table. The Kerns tourned most of England, Scotland, and Wales, including the Lake District. The visit to the Lake country stirred Virginia's dormant interest in poetry. She began reading and writing poetry. She states that she writes poetry solely for pleasure.

Virginia remembers England most for its beautiful flowers and well planned gardens, its zoos, and its delightfully good bread.

After the Kerns returned to the U. S., they were stationed in Topeka, Kansas. Here the warm, friendly atmosphere caused them to love Kansas. Virginia worked in scouting during her stay here. She now believes that the work with children in scouting caused her to decide to go into the teaching field., she enjoyed the work so much. Topeka has a wonderful civic music program and a more than adequate place to have these events.

Mr. Kern, soon was shipped to Korea and was away for eighteen months. Virginia and the children remained in Kansas until his return. They were assigned to Texas. The beautiful typical Southern town gave them a warm welcome. Parents participation in school affairs in Texas and Kansas was tremendous.

The Kern family moved to Fayetteville in 1956. Fayetteville has impressed Mrs. Kern with its apathy to civic affairs. Mr. Kern was sent to Japan for a two year tour of duty. He is expecting to return the last of May of this year. When he was sent to Japan the big squeeze was on for army dependents to remain at home so Virginia and the children did not go.

Virginia has worked with the Methodist College Foundation from its beginning. There seems to her to be a great change in cultural life in Fayetteville already, due to the influence from M. C. and its personnel. Mrs. Kern states that she is inpressed with the high standards MC has from its beginning and the continual maintaining of these standards. She believes that this aspect of MC needs more publicizing, as also the fact that it is the same as an accredited college by virtue of courses offered and personnel standards met. Students from MC can transfer to Duke, State and other main colleges.

During the past summer Virginia attended credit classes at Ft. Bragg. Also the Presbyterian church near here has a summer program for children and she conducted the arts and crafts division for about thirty-five children. Mrs. Kern and her children drove to California to visit her family just before school began in September.

The Kern children are Danny, a freshman at U N C, junior in high school and C. Lee, an eighth grader

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Here And There

By: David Herring

North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount will have its first summer session during 1962. Plans are proceeding for one summer term from June 18 through August 10. Resident and Non-Resident students will be enrolled.

Campbell College concluded its Religious Week program March 2 which included daily services, seminars, classroom visits, and personal interviews.

His Excellency U On Sein, Ambassador to the United States from the Union of Burma, and members of his staff visited East Carolina College on February 24. They attended a performance of the play, "The Wages of Sin" which was written by U Nu, Prime Minister of Burma.

The Carolina Symposium will be held at the University of North Carolina, April 1 through April 5. It is an effort to promote inter-collegiate exchange of ideas. The topic of discussion will be "Today's Revolutions." The five day program will consist of lectures, panel discussions, and seminars.

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		Philosophy 201	Room C-205
	1:10- 4:00	History 102A	Science Auditorium
		History 102B	Science Auditorium
		History 102C	Science Auditorium
May 25 -Friday	-8:30-11:20	English 101	Room S-103
		English 102A	Science Auditorium
		English 102B	Science Auditorium
		English 102C	Science Auditorium
		English 102D	Room C- 204
	1:10- 4:00	English 201	Room C -204
		English 202A	Science Auditorium
		English 202B	Science Auditorium
		English 202C	Science Auditorium
May 28- Monday-	8:30-11:20	Biology 102A	Science Auditorium
		Biology 102B	Science Auditorium
	1:10- 4:00	Physics 102	Room S- 102
		Music 162	Room S- 103
		History 202	Room C- 203
May 29- Tuesday -	8:30-11:20	Math 101	Science Auditorium
		Math 102A	Science Auditorium
		Math 102B	Science Auditorium
		Math 102C	Science Auditorium
		Math 252	Science Auditorium
		Math 92	Room S- 209
	1:10- 4:00	Psychology 201	Room C- 203
May 30- Wednesday-	8:30-11:20	Spanish 102A	Science Auditorium
		Spanish 102B	Science Auditorium
		French 102A	Science Auditorium
		French 102B	Science Auditorium
		French 152A	Room C -209
		French 152B	Room C- 209
	1:10- 4:00	Fine Arts 152	Room S-103
		Psychology 251	Room C- 204
May 31- Thursday-	8:30-11:20	Religion 102A	Science Auditorium
		Religion 102B	Science Auditorium
		Religion 102C	Science Auditorium
		Religion 252	Science Auditorium
	1:10- 4:00	Music 151	Room S- 103
June 1- Friday	- 8:30 -11:20	Chemistry 102	Room S- 209
		Chemistry 252	Room S- 209
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Club Activities Shown To Students

The various extra curricular organizations on campus had an opportunity on February 28 to review their aims and accomplishments.

The College Choir presented two songs, "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "Whenever I Feel Afraid." On behalf of the Student Christian Association, Lois Stephenson summarized the aims of this active club and welcomed any new members who would like to join.

Paul Gorshi, representing the Science Club, conducted a little experiment to test the lung power of students compared with faculty. No conclusions were drawn.

The Student Council was represented by Don Parsons. He said that the Student Council is now conducting research on constitutions from other colleges preparatory to writing one for Methodist College.

Herb Bush, president of the Dramatics Club announced the new name of the club, "The Harlequins" and summarized plans for the spring semester.

Walter Turner announced the organization of a new club, the Public Affairs Club. This club is sponsored by Mrs. Thomas Farnham of the history department. He stated that the members of this club will discuss current events in an effort to relate themselves to world affairs.

Students Sponsor WCTU Contest

Louis Spilman recently won the State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest. The subject was "Alcohol and Related Problems." Other local participants were Dave Herring, Herb Bush, Seldon Rapelye Bob Reynolds, Dave and Bob tied for second place and won $6.50 each.

The contest was sponsored by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union which is dedicated to the proposition that prohibition is the best method of control and that total abstinence, not moderation, is the only safe rule of habit and conduct.

The essays were not to exceed 1200 words. The state contest first prize is an all-expense paid trip to Miami, Florida to participate in the National Contest. Second prize is twenty dollars, and the third prize is fifteen dollars.

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Poets Corner

By V. Kern

PLANTING

Who plants seeds on barren ground?
Even those wind-blown astray
Find nourishment
And Grow.
Who says words he doesn't mean?
Every thoughtless speech betrays-
And forgetfulness
Is hard to sow.

Sports ANGLES

By BOB REYNOLDS

Aside from bowling and ping-pong and shooting an occasional basket and watching TV, there hasn't been much sports news since the last issue. If you've read the first page, you know that the College is providing a temporary gymnasium, a full-time athletic director and approval for an intermural sports program for next year. Enuff said.

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Reaffirmation Of Drinking Rules

There has been brought to the attention of the students recently a reaffirmation of the college rules on drinking.

The main rule states that neither the use, the possession, nor the transportation of alcholic beverages is permitted on the campus or at any gathering of Methodist College students. In addition, any conduct which in any way reflects discredit on the college may lead to dismissal. The college has a committee on Student Affairs which has the responsibility of deciding what the penalties will be. The committee includes the following members: Dr. Ficken, Mrs. Duncum, Dr. Gates, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Edwards. The size of this committee makes possible a wider circle of responsibility for fixing definite penalties through group decision.

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Barrett Stimulates Thought

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK leaders are pictured speaking to Troy Barrett (center). Barrett brought to the students, a series of three lectures on "What are you doing with your life?" He also met with students in an informal luncheon after each service. Left to right are: Amos McLamb, Lois Stevenson, Barrett, Patsy Melvin, and Pat Jackson.

The week of April 9th through 13th was observed throughout the Methodist College campus as Religious Emphasis Week with the Reverend Troy Barrett of Warrenton, as the special speaker in three chapel services.

Reverend Barrett, in his talk to the student body on Monday morning, used as his topic the theme chosen by the Student Christian Association for Religious Emphasis Week, "What Are You Doing with Your Life?" Reverend Barrett suggested that we work toward our decision about our life and work toward a better life by using our minds, love, hard work, and putting our complete trust in God.

The following talks on Wednesday and Friday were on the topics, "Ignorance in Your Life" and "Intelligence in your Life."

Every day, Monday through Friday, in the Worship Center, meditations were held and directed by students. Two meditations were held each day during a ten minute break between classes.

Friday afternoon, a recreation period was held in the Student Union, and was directed by Reverend Barrett and Mrs. Dent.

A candlelight service Friday evening at 8:00 p. m., in the Worship Center, brought Religious Emphasis Week to a climax for another year.

Dr. Rhine Presents Final Program In College Series

Tomorrow evening, Tuesday, April 17 at 8 o'clock in the Student Union, the Methodist College community will hear a lecture by Dr J. B. Rhine, head of the Parapsychology Laboratory at Duke University. His topic will be "Parapsychology and Man's Search for Understanding."

The Psychology Club, headed by Henry Walker has made plans to meet with Dr. Rhine in the afternoon for an informal discussion session. A reception sponsored by the Psychology Club will be held in the Student Union after the lecture. Dr. and Mrs. L. Stacy Weaver who will be the hosts for Dr. and Mrs. Rhine overnight are entertaining the Rhines at dinner in the Student Union.

DR. J. B. RHINE

Dr. Rhine has written a total of five books, three of which were written for the general public: NEW FRONTIERS OF THE MIND, NEW WORLD OF THE MIND, and THE REACH OF THE MIND. The Rhines have made E. S. P. (Extra sensory perception) their special area of interest and research.

The public is invited to attend.

Honor System?

This issue of sMALL TALK is devoted to coverage of the current campus controversy "Should Methodist College adopt the honor system?

Members of the student body were encouraged to voice their opinions through letters to the editor." See Page 3.

Weston Represents MC At Wilmington

Margaret Weston, sophomore, represented Methodist College as one of 13 College May Queens from North Carolina Colleges and Universities at the fifteenth annual North Carolina Azalea Festival held in Wilmington April 5 through 8.

The Queens who were featured in the Coronation Pageant rode a special float in the main parade and appeared during special Festival events.

Margaret said that she met Queens from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, and Missouri who are now attending one of the following schools: Greensboro College, Queen's College, Wilmington College, St Andrews, Meredith, University of North Carolina, Peace, Duke, Woman's College, Lenoir Rhyne, Salem and East Carolina College.

Dr. Gate Heads Fine Arts Week

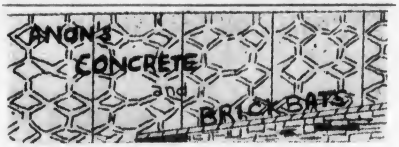
May 5, at 8:00 P. M. in the Student Union, a spring concert will be given by The Fayetteville Symphony. The Symphony, organized by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, is directed by Dr Willis C. Gates, who is head of the Music Department at Methodist College.

The program will include five orchestral numbers, a solo and several songs including a Mozart aria and sung by the basso, Otis Lambert. The Orchestra will play, "Overture to Rossini's Barber of Seville." Hoydon's Surprise Symphony." "Greensleeves," (an arrangement by Vaugn Williams) and musical highlights from the movie, "South Pacific."

Complimentary tickets for students will be given by Dr. Gates upon request

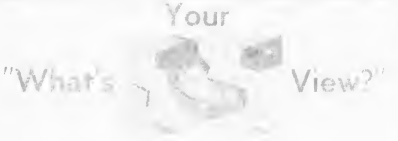
Chorus Plans Music Event

A special presentation by the Methodist College Chorus in May, is being anticipated The current members of the chorus include the following Students: Francis Abell, Marlene Barnhadt, Barbara Bruce, Beth Bullard, Betty Bunce, Bobby Bunce, David Chance, Donna Chaney, Lela Croom, Jerry Doughtry, Marianne Foreman, Sarah Lynn Griffin, Betty Guy, Allen Hayes, Arlaine Haywood, Barbara Holmes, Pat Jackson, Sidney Johnson, Virpi Kairinen, Jerry Keen, Rita Kemp, Virginia Kern, Robert Lapke, Elizabeth Mazurr, Dale Meeks, Patsy Melvin, Patrica Moore, Edra Overby, Judson Plowden, Joyce Pullen, Bob Reynolds, Seldon Rapelye, Barbetta Smith, Lewis Smith, Ann Smithwick, Lois Stephenson, Betsy Thomas, Cynthia Walker, Henry Walker, Walter Turner, Bell Wolfe.



We hear by the grapevine that this issue of sMALL TALK has been in part dedicated to the discussion of a honor system. Several students have responded, so I am going to let them throw my "Concrete and Brickbats"

before we get the cart before the horse or find that the tail is wagging the dog (English Dept., please note my use of metaphors!) your 1961-62 sMALL TALK staff feels that they need a few years experience of a working student Government Association. Remember we don't even have a Constitution that has been offered to us for honor to vet. I'm sure the faculty won't mind pro-tor-ing exams for a few more years.



Loafer's Paradise

It is not too early to start planning your summer loafing program. Think of all the wonderful sports one can enjoy at North Carolina beaches; fishing, boating, surfing, deep-sea fishing, and just plain swimming and sunning.

The piedmont section of our state is where a large variety of other sports can be enjoyed, and a change in scenery is also provided. Instead of flat sandy shores, the piedmont offers gently rolling hills, green in the summer with crops and excellent for golfing. Most of the people found in the piedmont are farmers and are a wonderful group to know and visit with. Their friendliness is always extended to passersby.

The mountains of North Carolina are beautiful all year round. In all the seasons of the year, the mountains are forever changing and presenting new beauty, each season tryies to outdo the other in giving beauty to the world. Snow in winter, bright sunshine and mountain laurel in spring, a cool breeze with plenty of shade for travelers along the tree-lined roads in the summer, and then, finally, the mountains outdo themselves when their faces are bursting forth with all the golden colors of autumn.

Enjoyment can be found every season of the year and in any section of the state if you take time to look around. Discontent will give way to books and study or exploration. All seasons early. Don't let it slip by without enjoying it.

The Adult View

by Louise Council

The last lap of this year's course has begun. Time really is "fleeting." It seems so short a while ago that this semester began and here we are going into the home stretch.

This year the new adult students on campus have obtained our admiration for their devotion to the task of learning and for their ability and capacity to learn. One of these students, Major Francis Stewart is my guest this issue. Mr. Stewart is a retired major with a twenty-year service record in the army. He joined the Army for a one year tour of duty in 1940, but due to the state of uncertainty of our nation in the world, it was considered his patriotic duty to remain in the service. He was commissioned [illegible]

Foundation Meeting

MC Holds Tournament

Students Visit Wesleyan

A pessimist is a man who thinks everybody as nasty as himself and hates them for it. --Shaw

The Gulf Stream runs closer to the coast at Cape Hatteras than at any point north of Miami.

Student's Views On Honor System

Letter No. 1

Dear Editor:

We suggest that an academic honor system be used at Methodist College. An academic honor system is an honor code which governs only those matters which concern the student's scholastic affairs, including such things as cheating on tests and exams and plagiarizing term papers and reports.

If a successful student government is formed here at Methodist College, an academic honor system should definitely be the next step, and it will definitely work.

An honor system promotes a strong sense of mutual responsibility, respect, sense of personal freedom, self-control, self-reliance, self-government, and independence.

The honor system teaches self-control. We are aware of several instances of cheating here at Methodist College. We are sure that if we had an honor system these offenses would be reported, studied, and penalized accordingly. For instance, the students who took extra copies of the mid-semester biology exam and distributed them among their friends would, under an honor system be reported and punished for this act of cheating. Quite possibly if they were once reprimanded for this offense they would not repeat it. They would learn self-control.

In the Spanish classes several students take advantage of the trust the instructor has for them. During the tests the instructor plays a recording of Spanish dictation that comes directly from the book. Many students copy this assignment before class and hand it in as their test paper. With an honor system this would not happen, because a student following an honor code would report this violation and the persons involved would be punished. In addition, under an honor system, students would be more conscious of their moral obligation and would, therefore, be less likely to continue this sort of cheating. Even if the teacher is not aware of cheating, students committing an unjust act would be caught because of the principles of the honor system.

The honor system would not only correct the faults made in the academic area of college life, but it would also correct the cause of the errors. For instance, at another college, thirteen library books not signed out were found in a student's room. The student was a senior and had started taking them when she was a freshman. She did not know why she had taken the books. Through the honor system her kleptomania was revealed and, as a result, she received the psychiatric help she needed.

A person should be fully aware of the meaning and consequences of the honor system and should be expected to live up to them. But if he did not follow this code he would be caught and punished according to the system. If he continued to break the rules, he obviously would have no self-control and would need professional help.

We are sure that with the proper student government to carry out an honor system, Methodist College could make use of and will eventually have an effective academic honor system.

Billie Kelly, Judith Blalock, Judy Lee

" . . . know about our Honor System."

Letter No. 2

Dear Editor:

Last night about nine-thirty, I was asked to give my opinion on the honor system at Methodist College. The person who asked me had heard me give a speech on the system in English class and said I should put it before the student body. This person said we at Methodist College do not have the "guts" to stand up for our beliefs. I am standing up for my beliefs, and I hope you will take my example and express your own feelings in this important matter.

First I would like to say I think the honor system is a fine system, and when it is exercised correctly, it is a great asset to any college. My feelings are, though, that we, as the student body of Methodist College, are not ready for such a system. To have an honor system work correctly you must have responsible and honorable students. In my opinion we do not have enough such students in this college. I have gained this opinion from observing the students in action at this college. We have been trusted by all of our professors as honorable and trustful students and we have taken advantage of this trust. It is general knowledge that there has been cheating in Spanish class. If we are such honorable and responsible students, would this be taking place? Several persons have been skipping classes at different times and have not been absent from their classes because a fellow "honorable" student answered his name for the class role. This is not cheating in the normal sense, but it is cheating in that we are expected to be in class a certain number of hours a semester.

My main feeling, other than not having honorable students, as to why we cannot have an honor system is that this college is too small. In a college the size of Methodist College, the students are one big family. In this family there is mutual trust. Each student is trusted by his fellow student not to report a lawbreaker. This is a trust similar to the trust in the crime world where no one wants to be a "squealer". Do we as students of an institution of higher learning, want to be compared to a world of crime?

In this atmosphere of mutual trust, it is the feeling that a student is helping his fellow students by not turning him in. By answering the role call for a missing student it is the feeling that we are helping that student. In the boy's dorm this feeling of mutual trust is strongest. Whenever a student does something that is against the rules and must be punished, it is often hard to find out just who has broken the rule. The "trust" is so strong in the dorm that no one will tell on the student, even though they know the whole dorm will be punished because of the act of one boy. For clarification of this statement just ask Mr. Stewart, dorm counselor.

Since I cannot take the whole letter just to express my beliefs, I will end by re-expressing why I do not think an honor system will work at Methodist College, think that unless the mutual "trust" between students is broken, and our students gain some honor and responsibility, this college is not ready for an honor system.

Sincerely,
Jerry A. Kern

Letter No. 3

Dear Editor:

In order for the honor system to "work" we must have mature students who sincerly desire an education. Students who do not fall in this category will not be at Methodist College very long. Therefore, I think the honor system will prove effective if adopted. I do feel that students will be reluctant to report dishonorable conduct, but this is a problem that will have to be handled if the system is adopted.

Lucy Martin

Letter No. 4

Dear Editor:

According to Shakespeare, "To be honest, . . . is to be one man picked out of ten thousand." If this be the case, Methodist College has only a minute foundation on which to build an honor system. No one wishes to be called dishonest. On the contrary, everyone wants to appear honest, whether he is or not. Therefore, on this statement To honestly appear honest, I propose the first block to reinforce the foundation of our honor system. Socrates said, "Study to be what we wish to seem." By studying what we appear to be, we find ourselves gradually coming into reality with it. By observing our own honesty with that which appears around us, we increase and strengthen that of the whole.

We, the student body of Methodist College, cannot expect to have a perfect honor system at the starting point or ever, but, one CAN be made to work. There is one prerequisite, however; a beginning. Then, through careful study and observation of our imperfect endeavor, which all will participate in to some extent, a stronger, a more perfect, and indeed a more honest union will exist

Betty Bunce

Letter No. 5

Dear Editor:

Yes, I think that an "honor system" will work at Methodist College; however, I think that the students will have to develop enthusiasm for all affairs of the college. In my opinion the honor system should have been inacted at the beginning, for the students would then know that Methodist College was on the honor system, and there would be no problem of accepting it. To inact the honor system now will be a lot of hard work, but will be worth all the effort.

Lois Stephenson

Letter No. 6

Dear Editor:

I am in favor of having an academic honor system at Methodist College. I have often heard it remarked that we (the students) are not ready to accept the additional responsibilities. The question which worries me is "when WILL we be ready?" If we wait too long there will be a large number of irresponsible students. By this I mean that they will be undisciplined in the honor system. If we wait to begin the system until we are seniors then there will be four unaccustomed classes to cope with immediately. Beginning now will be twice as easy than if we wait two years.

Also I feel that it is time that we begin to accept the responsibility of conducting ourselves as ladies and gentlemen. Many of us have led sheltered lives and when given a little freedom do not know how to behave.

The system I am in favor of is one in which the students -- not the faculty --rule. I would prefer that all offenders be taken before a board of students which would hear testimony from both the plaintiff and the defendant, and then dictate punishment accordingly.

The ideal plan in my opinion would cover such topics as grades, exams, use of the library, and plagiarism.

The system of grades at Methodist College is one of the most disappointing things I have encountered. I feel that it should not be left up to the individual professor to decide what percentage of his class will make an "A", "B," "C", "D", or "F". I feel that it is only fair that the numerical grade which is a "B" in English should rate a "B" in Biology.

Giving aid on an exam or test will hurt the givers more than it will help the recipient. There should be a rule in the academic honor system against giving aid on, or information about, a test.

Plagiarism is stealing and lying. A person should be punished according to the extent which he plagiarizes. It may be an accident if it happens once, but if it happens three or four times, in one paper there is no accident.

The library should be one of the most respected places on campus. The students should find pride in the condition of books and furniture. Also they should not leave with an unchecked -out book. This should be included in the honor code.

It is my opinion that in order to increase our personal pride and honor, and our pride in our school we must have an honor system to help avoid the performance of degrading acts.

Car DeWitt Lancaster, Jr.

Letter No. 7

Dear Editor:

In view of the present controversy on our Methodist College campus concerning the proposed honor system, I feel compelled to give voice to my views. Because I have attended an institution where there is an effective honor system, I therefore am in a position to offer my ideas.

Because every student feels it to be his own responsibility to uphold and enforce it, the honor system under which I lived for nine months is very effective. It is inaugurated, enforced, and governed by the students. Every person has a part to play in this type of government. There is no faculty supervision.

Should a person break the honor code, he is obligated to accept the responsibility of his act of offense. If he does not, his fellow students are obligated to report him. This person is taken before the honor court to be tried.

The honor court is a group of students in whom a complete trust has been placed. Because of this feeling of trust, they are able to do their job well.

When taken before the honor court the offender states his case, gives any reason or cause for his action, and is questioned by the court. With this done, he leaves to allow the court to decide the case. The decision is reached impartially, and punishment is administered accordingly.

An honor system of this type is most appealing to me because of the fact that it is an effective application of the democratic ideal. Students who understand the other students are given the trust that they will maintain the standards set down by the honor systems.

A government of this type would work well and mean much here at Methodist College.

Sarah Lynn Griffin

Here And There

By: David Herring

A concert highlighted the evening of March 27 at Campbell College. It was presented in Turner Auditorium and was the first to be held this year.

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Methodist ministers visited the campus of Wesleyan College the week of March 30. The ministers were supply pastors who were being reviewed by the Board of Ministerial Training of the North Carolina Annual Conference.

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Awards night was held at East Carolina College Tuesday evening, April 3. The program featured as a speaker, Edmund H. Harding, nationally known humorist.

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Also at East Carolina, the annual College Union Spring Carnival took place April 11. It included such attractions as a kissing booth, limbo and ringing the girl's leg.

Term Papers Raise Library Circulation

Almost 800 volumes in the library were circulated during March, according to the monthly library report prepared by Mrs. Floyd Ammons, library associate. Total circulation in March was 787, the highest monthly circulation since the college opened its doors in September, 1960. The previous high was 420, the number of volumes circulated in February of this year.

The report indicated that a record number of reference inquiries had also been received in March - 78.

Librarian Alva Stewart attributed the high circulation figure to the assignment of term papers in English literature, world history, and New Testament. He added, "I am hopeful that student reading outside the textbooks will not stop simply because term paper research has been completed."

Social Event Climaxes Week

The social climax to Religious Emphasis Week came on Friday evening, April 13, after the evening worship service.

Parsy Melvin and Amos McLamb, representing the Student Christian Association planned this recreational retreat with Rev. Troy Barnett and Mrs. Dent, Student Union Hostess.

A large crowd attended the function that featured square dancing, games, and group activities.

Library Holds Open House

The Methodist College Library held an Open House from 2 - 5 p.m. Sunday, April 15, in observance of National Library Week April 8 - 15.

Major purposes of the Open House were (a) to acquaint townspeople with library resources available to them and to explain policies governing use of Methodist College Library resources by individuals not connected with the college, and (b) to point out the growth of the library since its opening in September, 1960, and explain plans for future expansion, including construction of a permanent library. Both Alva W. Stewart, librarian, and Mrs. J. Floyd Ammons, library associate, were available to answer questions regarding the library's resources and plans for a permanent structure. A special feature of the Open House was the showing of metal stacks recently installed in Room C-105. These stacks, currently being used primarily for storing back issues of periodicals and newspapers, are capable of housing 7,500 volumes.

Refreshments were served in the Classroom Building courtyard between 3 and 4:30 p.m. Dr. James Heffern was available to give visitors a tour of the Science Building.

New Lockers For Students

Students are able to rent locker space if they wish by contacting anyone in the College Book Store. A deposit of 50 cents will be required for those who would like keys and the money will be returned with the presentation of the key. Lockers will be available for use by students without keys if they so desire. The fifty additional lockers have been installed in Room C-109.

Open Views

by Judy Blalock

Spring is finally here! Along with the changes in the weather have come changes in our library schedule. Because of insufficient usage, the library will not be open on Sunday nights during the remainder of the spring semester. The library will continue to be open from 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month. However, if the demand is sufficient, it is possible that the library will be open one or two Saturday afternoons in May in order to give any students who are preparing for last minute term papers an opportunity to use library resources. The Monday-Friday schedule of hours will remain unchanged.

The library recently purchased a facsimile edition of the First Folio of Shakespeare's writings entitled SHAKESPEARE'S COMEDIES, HISTORIES, AND TRAGEDIES. Charles T. Prouty said this in the introduction: "The King James Bible and the First Folio edition of Shakespeare's plays are the two greatest books in the cultural history of the English-speaking peoples. They were published within a comparatively short time of one another; the Bible in 1611 and the Folio in 1623, and thus represent the flowering of literature in the ages of Queen Elizabeth and King James." It would be interesting to compare the original, as presented in this book, with the more modern translations of Shakespeare. In going back to the original, the intent of the author can be determined more clearly than from modern translations.

Three recent additions to the library's reference collection are POLITICAL HANDBOOK OF THE WORLD, WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, and COLLIER'S (Encyclopedia) YEAR BOOK. The POLITICAL HANDBOOK OF THE WORLD is issued annually and it contains valuable information about the government, press, and recent political events of approximately one hundred and twenty-five countries.

COLLIER'S YEAR BOOK has an excellent article on "Man in Space." This article contains technical information on the flights of Commander Alan B. Shepard, Jr., and Captain Virgil I. Grissom, the American astronauts; Major Yuri Gagarin and Major Gherman S. Titov, the Soviet cosmonauts.

Another new book on our reference shelf is WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA. Our own governor of North Carolina, Governor Terry Sanford, is in this new edition. There is a biographical sketch of Gov. Sanford, and also, in addition, many more prominent North Carolinians are listed.

DORM-Sites!

By Bob Reynolds

Apparently during the week end of April 6 - 8, the men's dorm residents were involved in quite a bit of excitement. Ten represented good old M.C. at the Azalea Festival, and, I understand, they did a good job. However, the few residents who remained behind would not be outdone. They tried to give the first floor a shaving cream bath. It was a pity that the dorm council failed to see the need for it.

We picked up a new team member after the spring break. He is Tom Manning. After adjustments the men's dorm has a population of 25 students and Mr. Stewart.

A bone of contention lately around the dorm has been the car situation. Apparently having a car sitting on campus during the week lowers a student's grades. Or maybe that big section of parking lot is reserved, and there is no place to park.

A sure sign of spring has been the breaking out of the baseball gloves. This is, of course, in addition to all the "green growing things" around campus.

I continue to honor the still present charter members of the men's dorm by recognizing Jerry Keen, Bill Singleton, Charles Vest, Frank Foster, Walter Turner, Julian Jessup, Eddie Ray Thomas, Lester Mason, and Selden Rapelye. I think I will finish the list this month because I only have left John Hamilton and myself. We are the nucleus of that one big happy family.

By Barbara Rine

After a six day Spring break and a week-end at Wilmington, nobody's ready to settle down for another half semester ahead.

The Women's Dorm is co-sponsoring the May Dance with the Men's Dorm and the Dramatics Club. Joyce Pullen has been elected chairman of the dance which will be held the evening of May 12 in the Student Union.

Three girls from the dorm participating in Religious Emphasis Week were Elizabeth Starling, Cynthia Walker, and Ann Smithwick, each of whom provided organ accompaniment for daily meditations held between classes in the Worship Center.

Went into the room next door the other day and discovered somebody's roommate under the bed and crawling around on the rug looking for . . . what was it . . . pegs from an archery target?

We've been watching progress of the new dorm still under construction and even went over for a personal inspection the other day. Latest controversy is whether that roof will hold up under these "Spring showers."

Who is the mystery caller in the dorm? Seems that someone knows only as "a friend" has been making telephone calls lately for "humanitarian causes."

From the dorm, that's all the news for awhile. By the way, what's this about a new version of the twist over at the Men's Dorm?

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The College has provided Mr. Register, Student Union director, with about 300 specimens of various types of shrubs that will be set out as soon as they are large enough.

The establishment of a Arboretum has been proposed by W. G. Butler of Butler's Nurseries and unanimously accepted by the board of trustees.

Mr. Butler will assume the responsibility of [illegible] and supervise all the plantings [illegible] Arboretum. [illegible] will be made [illegible] Mr. Butler will [illegible]

History Of Lenten Season

By Barbara Rine

Editors Note: The following discussion on the meaning of the Lenten season was presented by Barbara Rine at Vesper service March 11.

The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word - "Lencte" meaning "spring," which in turn is derived from the verb "to lengthen" for it is at this time of the year that the days begin to noticeably grow longer.

Early Christians would customarily set aside a period of preparation before important religious observance and each time of preparation became attached to the observance of Easter. The purpose of Lent is to prepare the Christian for Easter. In the same way he will be able to receive [illegible] life, made the greatest sacrifice of all. Lent should become for us a cleansing of the demons of greed, envy, hate, lust, and prejudice from which not one of us is free.

Lent should mean increased self-discipline. As Paul said: "Put to death therefore, what is earthly in you . . . Put on then compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience." What a pity if our wretched human pride, smugness, and self-satisfaction prevent an intensified soul-searching during this season.

Originally Lent consisted of a single day, then 40 hours representing the 40 hours which Jesus spent within the tomb following his death upon the cross. Later it was stretched to one week, then to 10 days, [illegible] the Sunday which found himself [illegible] and self [illegible] the wilderness [illegible]

Dramatics Club Hears Broman

Capt. Ralph "Mark" Broman, was guest speaker for the Harlequins at their regular monthly meeting. Introduced to the group by Sara Lynn Griffin, Capt. Broman spoke on the dilemma of the American theatres. In his discussion, he pointed out the fantastic costs of broadway productions, the prevailing taste of the theatre-going public for musical-comedy, and some of the more technical aspects of play production. He encouraged the Harlequins by remarking that the community and college theatre groups could "save" the American theatre.

Capt. Broman has a long list of [illegible] and the Actors [illegible] worked [illegible] T. V.'s [illegible] assistant [illegible] producer [illegible] director [illegible] president; [illegible] secretary [illegible] over [illegible] the [illegible] years. [illegible] the starlets [illegible] play, [illegible] of the [illegible] handles [illegible] was pre[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] a fundamen[illegible] our goals and [illegible] clearly about [illegible] stand for. [illegible] challenge [illegible] to the younger [illegible] row.

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Dear BC:
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Dear Gabby:
Lately I have been dreaming about breaded veal cutlets. Is that bad?
Indigestion

Dear I:
Not as bad as the cutlets!

Dear Gabby:
Is there any truth in the rumor that the questions will not be handed out beforehand for the history final?
Worried Student

Dear WS:
Ask Bob and Sparky

Poets Corner

Anger
By Bill Singleton

I - standing under shelter
Hearing hard, angry drops of rain
pounding on the roof.
I - stalking stealthily down desolate
Streets, drab buildings closing
on me like furies, then like a veil.
Fog hides me in the evil night

Methodist College Ambassadors

Charles McAdams, Public Relations Director met with twenty-four students on March 9. They will comprise a newly conceived organization entitled the Methodist College Ambassadors. They will work with the Public Relations Department.

The purpose and function of the Ambassadors will be to speak on behalf of Methodist College to the various civic and social organizations in the Fayetteville community. The proposed plan is to divide the group into eight teams of three people each. These teams will alternate in meeting speaking requests from community groups. Each team member will speak on one of three areas: (1) opportunities for adults at Methodist College, (2) extra-curricular activities, and (3) the academic challenge of Methodist College.

Public Affairs Club Meets

The Public Affairs Club has been organized at Methodist College. This club meets two times a month during the lunch hour to discuss current events in various fields.

Mr. Thomas Farnham, a part-time instructor in American history is the club's sponsor. The officers are Kermit Norris, President; and Walter Turner, Secretary.

One of the recent discussions centered on the controversial question - "Did Roosevelt give away half of Europe?"

Chapel "Quotes"

Compiled by Virginia Kern

Troy Barratt: Prof. - I don't think, I know.
Student - I don't think I know.
Dean Ficken: Old deans never die, they just lose their faculties.
Dr. Gates: Your most difficult problem in attending a concert is transporting yourself to the place where it is given.
Mrs. Ostborg: Love is a river of energy from God.
Mr. Stewart: The library provides sources of potential discovery so that we can experience the joy of term papers!!
Dr. Weaver: The dreamer dies, but never dies the dream.
Sarah Griffin: I just washed my hair and it shrank.
Mr Edwards: Time is life itself.
Mr Frank Jeter: You the students of Methodist College are the ambassadors of Good Will.
Connor Holland: We must set a cultural pattern. Apathy is our worst enemy.
Dr Fox: Do you want to be a pig satisfied?
Mrs Gatlin: What would you die for?
Mrs Monteiro: Propaganda changes facts and the communists are experts with propaganda.--I want no part of it
Mr Snyder: Are you convinced or confused?
In Dr Rowe's class: Student translating -- He didn't know his parents from his wife.

Vesper Services

By Bob Reynolds

The men's dorm has recently been conducting Sunday evening Vesper's Services on alternating Sundays. The theme of the services is basic Christian beliefs.

The first three talks concerned belief in the Trinity.

On February 18 Julian Jessup was in charge of the service and talked on God the Father. Joelle Church read the scripture and Dan Graves led the singing.

On March 4 John Hamilton conducted the program himself on the topic of God the Son.

On March 18 Frank Foster handled the service. George Taylor gave the talk on belief in God the Holy Spirit. Walter Turner offered the prayer and led the singing, and Frank read the Scripture.

On April 15 Selden Rapelye will present the Vesper's Service.

Those in charge of the programs would like to extend their thanks to women who so graciously played the organ for the services. The men's dorm is looking forward to presenting more and better programs, and it would like to see more people attend on Sunday evenings at 5:00 in the Chapel.

Honor is like the eye which cannot suffer the least impurity without damage. It is a precious stone, the price of which is lessened by a single flaw.
- Bassnet

The problem of education is two-fold: first to know, and then to utter. Everyone who lives any semblance of an inner life thinks more nobly and profoundly than he speaks. --R. L. Stevenson

Wicked men obey from fear; good men, from love. --Aristotle

He buys honey too dear who lieks it from thorns.
--Old Proverbs

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This is a poll so that you can express your feelings on this question: Do you want the responsibility of turning in your friends if they ignore an honor system?

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Hamby Elected May Queen

Six New Faculty Members Named

With the opening of the new academic year, '62 - '63, students will find new additions in new buildings, new students, and new faculty members on the college campus.

Dr. Mary Emily Miller is a native of Delaware. Dr. Miller has just completed work for her Ph D degree at Boston University where she also received her Master's degree. It was from the University of Delaware that Dr. Miller received her Bachelor of Arts degree. A Certificate in Business Administration was received from Harvard - Radcliffe School of Business Administration At Methodist College, Dr. Miller will serve as Dean of Women and instructor of history.

Mr. Joseph L. Daniel, Executive of Parkton, North Carolina. Mr. Daniel holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Duke University and a Master's degree from the University of North Carolina. Positions on the faculty of Flora Macdonald College, Parkton High School, and Fayetteville Senior High School have been held by Mr. Daniel, and he is presently teaching at the Holbrook School at Fort Bragg. Mr. Daniel will be assistant professor of physics and math.

A native Pennsylvanian, Mr. Earnest W. Schwarz, will be Director of Physical Education. Mr. Schwarz obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree and his Master's degree from the University of North Carolina. For the past five years, Mr. Schwarz has been a teacher and coach at Aberdeen High School, Bel-Aire, Maryland.

The new supervisor of the men's dormitory and the assistant professor of history will be Mr Bruce R. Pulliam, a native of Roxboro, North Carolina. Mr. Pulliam received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest College, and his Master's degree from West Carolina College. Mr Pulliam has served as an instructor in the American Schools in the Philippines and Japan, and also at the Oak Ridge Military Academy in Tennessee. Since 1957, Mr. Pulliam has been an instructor at Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union, Virginia.

Mrs. Pauline M. Longest will join the Methodist College faculty in September as assistant professor of biology. Mrs. Longest

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Dean Ficken Announces Retirement

To the surprise of nearly all present the Dean of Methodist College, Dr. Clarence E. Ficken, announced at a recent Chapel session that he plans to retire at the end of this school year. A number of eyes rimmed with tears, when Dean Ficken announced, in a short but well-spoken address, that his request for retirement status, dated in November of 1961, had been accepted by the Board of Trustees and Dr Weaver.

At the conclusion of his announcement a period of silence and then a resounding round of applause were offered by those assembled in tribute to the man who has nurtured Methodist College through her infant years. Dr. Ficken has worn many hats during his two years at Methodist College, and all of them well.

DEAN FICKEN

Upon being asked what his plans were for the future, Dean Ficken replied, "One of the first things I plan to do is resume my education." Dr. and Mrs. Ficken plan to move to Delaware, Ohio, which is about twenty-five miles from the Ohio State University campus. Dr. Ficken indicated that he and Mrs. Ficken prefer to live on or near a college or university campus, because of the social, cultural, and intellectual climate in such an atmosphere.

Among their plans are included a trip to Europe, some research and consultative work in higher education, catching up on some neglected reading, and quite possibly some writing.

A farewell supper in honor of the Fickens will be given by Dr and Mrs. Weaver in the College Union on Thursday, May 24.

Big Weekend Had By All

The biggest May Day week end in the history of Methodist College has just been concluded with the biggest event being the election of a May queen and her court. Dawn Hamby was elected queen and the members of her court were Pat Jackson, Tommie Parker, Barbara Rine, and Margaret Weston.

The queen and the members of her court were announced at the May Day Dance held Saturday evening. The music was furnished by the Sigmas of the University of North Carolina as students danced through the union decorated with the theme "At The Beach."

Queen Dawn, a sophomore, is a native of Fayetteville having graduated from the Fayetteville Senior High School. She plans at present to major in Spanish and upon graduation to teach in the public schools.

Among the members of Miss Hamby's court are three sophomores and one freshman. Pat Jackson, a sophomore, of Hope Mills High School and plans to major in music. Tommie Parker, the sole freshman in the group, also comes from Fayetteville where she graduated from the Fayetteville Senior High School. Miss Parker is an English major. Barbara Rine, a sophomore, is from Tacoma, Washington. Margaret Weston, a sophomore, is from Ft. Bragg, N. C., and plans to major in commercial art.

Other festive events of the week-end included the following; a concert by the college chorus followed by a closed reception by the charter students of Methodist College for Dean Clarence E. Ficken on Friday evening; and a student recital, a vesper service held in the outdoor chapel, and a weiner roast on Sunday. Many of these May Day activities were mainly under the sponsorship of the men's and women's dormitories and the Dramatics Club.

SMALL TALK's Choice For Queen

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Immaturity And Incineration

How often we humans act on impulse without careful consideration of the consequences that might result. A good example of such was the effigy-burning incident which took place recently on our campus. There is no doubt but that the action was premeditated, yet those who instigated and participated in the incident must have given little thought to the gravity of such an enterprise.

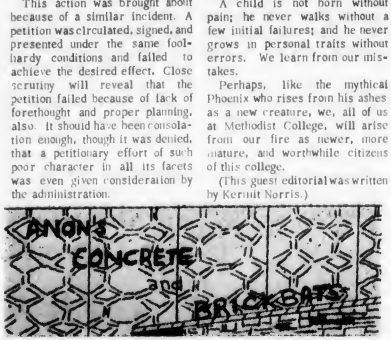
This action was brought about because of a similar incident. A petition was circulated, signed, and presented under the same foolhardy conditions and failed to achieve the desired effect. Close scrutiny will reveal that the petition failed because of lack of forethought and proper planning, also. It should have been consolation enough, though it was denied, that a petitionary effort of such poor character in all its facets was even given consideration by the administration.

It pertains to the nature of some people, usually immature people, to be unable to accept defeat in a manner worthy of honor. Therefore, they allow emotion to overcome reason and express violent indignation. What they don't realize is that this type of action usually affords greater confirmation of what precipitated their initial failure, namely, immaturity and inadequacy to meet the responsibilities of being adults.

A child is not born without pain; he never walks without a few initial failures; and he never grows in personal traits without errors. We learn from our mistakes.

Perhaps, like the mythical Phoenix who rises from his ashes as a new creature, we, all of us at Methodist College, will arise from our fire as newer, more mature, and worthwhile citizens of this college.

(This guest editorial was written by Kermit Norris.)



After looking over the list of faculty additions for next year, I have come to the conclusion, that we are really going to have a college. For two years we have limped along, understaffed and undercoursed, in order to get our school started. We feel that no more time can be wasted! If we are to have graduates in 1964, we must give them the opportunity to specialize, now. Certainly the administration has seen this need and is making motions toward filling these needs. However, they have not yet been satisfied. We have drastic needs in the English and Religion departments. In addition to these, no Academic Dean has been named to fill the very able shoes of Dean Ficken, who is retiring at the end of this year. Time is getting short, and the students deserve to know who they can expect to lead them next year. We have also noted, with great amazement, the absence of any type of completed catalog. We will never cease to marvel at the success which we seem to have in recruiting new students without the aid of such a catalogue. One might wonder even about the judgment of any classman who is willing to continue his college career without the benefit of a catalog to guide him in his journey.

As I See It

By Kermit Norris

There are no highly prized ideals more versatile than American Patriotism and Christianity. These two concepts have suffered "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" more so than any that I know. This happens, not because of any inherent defects in the character of either, but because of the uses to which they are put by dedicated, but often misguided, people. A proper interpretation (?) of either the Christian Bible or the American Constitution can be used to grind almost any axe. There seems to be no end to the number of contrasting, and often conflicting, ideas and causes that can be formulated and promulgated in the name of either.

Take American Patriotism for instance. (Please!)

A sun-baked politician like Harry Murkeybilge can condone big-business monopoly and condemn the right of a laborer to express his needs and desires through a labor union; and he automatically becomes (and is acclaimed for being) a staunch defender of the American Way. On the other hand, a bushy-haired New Englander can take the same Constitution and be a patriot by condoning and promulgating strong government control and ownership. These are just two ideas, with plenty of other concepts to fill in the space between them, and on the extremes of either side.

In this dilemma, however, we are granted some consolation by the Jack Belch Society and similar devotees of the true American Way. This group knows what it really means to be an American Patriot, and they do their best to keep the rest of us in line. I once considered proposing a change in the design of our flag and the one dollar bill. I wanted to take the picture of Washington from the single (After all, wigs for men are no longer fashionable.) and replace it with a snapshot of Walter Mitty, a grand patriot who stood for every good aspect of the American ideal. (How many fellows do you know who have developed fallen-arches from devotion to their country?) I soon learned, however, that such ideas are as un-American as not liking the homespun (stringy material) humor of the late Will Rogers, or thinking that Uncle Sam would look better clean-shaven. ("Thus conscience doth make cowards of us all.")

Anyone interested in helping me organize a "Society For The Prevention Of Societies For The Prevention Of Almost Anything That Exists; Not Because What They Are Trying To Prevent Might Be un-American, Socialistic, Associated with the AMA, Bus-fare Donors, or Determined to Deport All Mothers-in-law; But Because Their Analysts Suggested That They Develop Some Creative Interests Which Will Keep Their Minds Occupied?"

Let's turn for a look at a few examples of the way in which the versatility of Christianity finds application.

It seems that some of our forefathers believed that slave-holding was perfectly Christian, while others did not. These two opposing ideas were a source of quarrel and conflict, which required some kind of settlement. But what did they do to solve their problem? They maimed, murdered, and mutilated each other in a senseless war to protect their separate views of Christianity.

Perhaps a more contemporary illustration will clarify what I am trying to say. A tear-shedding, knee-bending lady (?) in Louisiana can take the Christian Bible and prove her case for racial discrimination and segregation, while her ecclesiastical superior can condemn her by his interpretation of the same Bible and faith.

I would have to agree with Barry Golden, that things like those we have considered and other similar eccentricities could happen "Only In America." But what conclusions can we draw? A few kind and benevolent souls have ventured to say that these things are what makes our country great. Others see these differing ideas as thorns in the side. Who knows? Perhaps both are right, (according to their own views of course).

Where do I stand? It really doesn't matter, does it? Regardless of my particular ideas, you who agree with me and I are the only ones in the right. (Though sometimes I'm not too sure about you.)

by Judy Blalock

One of the most recent additions to the library's reference shelves is Volume I of ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ASSOCIATIONS, entitled NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE U. S. This book lists every known organization in the United States which has 50 or more members, either state or national in scope. For persons who know about an organization, but would like to obtain more information about it, this book would be of special interest. It includes the name, address, chief executive officer, history, and purpose of every organization. Such organizations as "Public Affairs," "Greek Letter Societies" (fraternities and sororities), "Hobby and Avocational Organizations" are included in the chapter headings. NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE U. S. also includes many organizations which are not elsewhere classified.

Spring Recital

The college chorus presented a Spring Recital Friday, May 18, at 8:00 in the Science Auditorium. Bill Wolfe, pianist, and Paul Ostborg, violinist, also presented several numbers. Under the direction of Dr. Willis Gates, the chorus climaxed this year's work with a program of both secular and sacred music.

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Do We Have What We Really Want?

The doubting mind and conscience are alive here at last! We are beginning to shape into a true college. Some of our early doubting and protesting has shown its newborn, juvenile inclinations. However, it is easy to see that the spirit of the college student at M. C. is very much existent, even though only in the germinal stage. This restless, somewhat radical spirit is just what we need to stifle the apathy which now is dominant. If proper leadership and student government were available to encourage this spirit of ours in the right direction and to insure the proper means for its expression, then we could enjoy a vigorous, stimulating college career at M.C. The invisible but implied feeling of hostility to overt student expression is not so prevalent as some of us seemed to think. The atmosphere which some of us refer to as "high-school" (which some of us seem to help keep alive) is beginning to evaporate.

Having worked with the faculty and the administration and having the pleasure of friendship with several of their members, I know better than most of us how sincerely interested they are in us and in seeing us take on that responsibility which is rightfully ours. These friends of ours, who are trying to give us encouragement and knowledge from their own stores of experience, have the toughest of roads to travel. They with us must carve out of this wind-blown sandy soil a place for the seed of learning, self-discipline, and character. They must, yet, meet certain standards which are set by outside bodies. At the same time they need to do justice to all students, present and future, who will want to live and work in a stimulating environment; who need a place to learn to express their convictions in acceptable fashion.

The greatest schools in the world throughout history have built to their great stature uninhibited by student demonstrations. Some of the world's greatest men took part in, or led some of those demonstrations. In many instances members of the faculties inspired the students and by their influence prevented disorderly uprisings. But they still allowed the free demonstration of feelings.

Certainly we realize that harsh over-scoriful suppression of student demonstration can lead ultimately to a closed-mouth apathetic student population. Do we want our student population to take an active part in school life and to cherish the "good-ole-days" at M. C. when they were learning to be adults?

Many of us grumble and curse the U. S. State Department, the "Government" in general, for listening too much to our allies. We wonder why our own basic nobility and beliefs should not dictate our policy. Why should an unstable country such as France dictate policy to us, we ask. But yet, right here on campus it would seem that we are so concerned with how the outsiders are going to like us that we flagrantly abort justice by setting precedents which tend, by fear, to cripple student expression of any kind. Who or the outside can respect a school of students who do nothing but cower before very general and arbitrary rules, rules which lend themselves to loose interpretations, such that no student has a clear idea of what is accepted and what is taboo? Would not our righteous outside benefactors and critics be pleased more with the just, guiding influence of our disciplinary decisions rather than with the harsh, punishing nature of them?

In their most recent decision the disciplinary committee, because of insufficient evidence, was forced to pass equal sentence on all the students involved in the demonstration of 4/25/62. The combined irresponsibility of the press and a few "glory-hungry" students plus certain unintended and very unfortunate religious implications served to hide the basic motives of the venture. Surely most of the students had resolved any moral conflicts by saying, "Students at other schools do it, our colonial ancestors did it, the Constitution guarantees our right to it, and we are not going to wreck anything, so why not?"

I may seem out of line here, but my only quest is for justice. We have been asked to try more peaceable methods of demonstrating; this is a good way.

All the events have undoubtedly pointed up the need for organized student government. Some of us who are struggling toward that goal were particularly chagrined to realize that only three or four of the students who were reprimanded were to be ultimately affected by the "suspension from office" clause. None of those "made any phone calls."

(This guest editorial was written by W. Connor Holland.)

HENSDALE GIVES SCHOLARSHIP

An annual scholarship of $500.00 has been awarded to Methodist College by Mr. John W. Hensdale. This amount will be awarded to one or more deserving students on the basis of need, academic accomplishment and citizenship.

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DR. J. B. RHINE, noted parapsychologist from Duke University, spoke to an audience of over 300 people in the Student Union on April 17. He emphasized the importance of understanding man as a spiritual being in a "material world." A reception following the lecture was planned by the Psychology Club of which Henry Walker is president.

Chapel "Quotes"

Compiled by Virginia Kerr

Leroy Barrett: "A problem is nothing more than an opportunity."

Dr. Weaver: "Ideals, like stars, guide us even though we cannot touch them."

Matthew 6: 24 "No man can serve two masters."

Rev. J. V. Cosby Summerell: "We are not fenced in, we can be better than we are."

Dr. Weaver: "The right to petition is in order."

Mrs. Alice Smith: "Its great to be back."

Mrs. Elizabeth Bunce: Speaking on missionary work in Nigeria says. "The main thing that the missionaries want to teach them is to be independent."

Seldon Rapeleye: "We now realize the harm done and we are sincerely sorry for this regrettable incident."

Honor System Pros and Cons:

Judy Hallock: "We like the personal freedom, mutual respect, and relaxed atmosphere that prevails under an Honor System."

Bob Reynolds: "Many students don't want to inform on their friends."

Connor Holland: "Many are against self-discipline. It should be a gradual process. A tradition needs to be set."

David Herring: "There should be Student Government. We are ready for group discipline."

Steven Vandermost: "All I've heard is what the students say about the Honor System; now I would like to hear what the faculty has to say."

Dr. Starling: "The faculty looks on with work of the student's want it."

Robert Clapke: "What's all this running about an honor system, honor is the heart."

Louis Oliver: "It's liquor advertisements everywhere all the whole story."

Dean Tucker: "What are you doing to make yourself worthy of a Methodist College."

Bobby Jones: "Elizabeth wears the trousers in my family."

George Creaw: "Nature never grows painfully."

The Adult View

by Louise Council

That time of the year is upon us when one had rather be out-of-doors working (or being idle) than in-doors studying. The year has passed so quickly that it is just a matter of a few weeks until we sophomores will be joyful juniors of M. C. A few weeks plus a few exams, that is! The expansion of the school this year has brought many changes and further expansion next year will bring even more changes. Let us hope that they will all be for the enrichment of the school in the future.

This month our adult in the spotlight is Alton Bethea from Southern Pines. Mr. Bethea is a native South Carolinian. He joined the Army before he had completed his work for a high school diploma. He remained in service for twenty years, retiring with the rating of Master Sergeant.

Mr. Bethea's service tour included ten years in Europe and seven months in Iceland. He says of his time spent in Europe that his stay in Germany was the most enjoyable. The forests there are so neat and clean, and the cities of Germany are so progressive.

While in service Alton completed his work for a high school diploma, and he also took college courses through the Army's offered extension courses. He did work in Germany through the University of Maryland division and the remainder at Fort Bragg through N. C. State and U. S. C. He is a sophomore with 36 semester hours work to his credit (previous to this year's work.)

Mr. Bethea has a wife and a sixteen year old daughter. His wife is from Kansas and is a Registered Nurser working under Civil Service at Fort Bragg. Alton would like to major in natural science and to teach at a boy's military school. His choice of M. C. has been rewarded to him he believes. He says that he likes M. C. very much, and he particularly likes the instructors. Mr. Bethea commutes seventy miles a day to school. He has made an excellent student, and we are glad to have him aboard.

Until next year --The best to you.

MRS. DENT IS SHOWN PRESENTING ping-pong paddles and balls as prizes in the pin-pong tournament to Phil Levine, champion, Billy Jones was the runner-up. Mary Thornton was the women's champion, Judy Hallock (not pictured) was the runner-up. Sonny Scott won the consolation flight, and Gary Graham was the runner-up. The tournament originated on April 27. (from l to r: Sonny Scott, Gary Graham, Billy Jones Mary Thornton, Phil Levine, and Mrs. Dent.)

Sports Angles

By BOB REYNOLDS

Recently the town's dorm organized a softball team and challenged the day student to a game. That started a chain of events which has resulted in four softball games between the dorm and day students and one between the freshman and sophomores. The dorm students have also challenged Carolina Wesleyan to a game.

The first game played on May 3 was a 5-1 victory for the dorm residents led by the pitching of Dave Altman, the all-star running of "Sparky" Rapelye, and the fine pitching of Lee Garvin. The second game played on the following Tuesday was won by the day students in a 10-1 romp. Bill Currie had 3 hits, including a homer to pace the victors. The Wolfe completely throttled the dorm team until the final inning on Thursday, May 10 the day students won again 7-6 in a thriller. Steve Foltz had 3 hits, while Sonny Scott, John Parker, and Rod Waldhart had two for the day students.

The freshman day students played the sophomore day students during chapel on Friday, May 11. The freshmen won 5-1 behind the one hit pitching of Carl Kopischke. Walt Collins collected 2 hits.

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To our Advisor, Dr. Marie Fox, the sMALL TALK staff of 1961 - 1962 dedicates this issue. Dr. Fox has been, from the very beginning of Methodist College, an active participant in student affairs. She served on the original Student - Faculty Committee and has continued as the first Advisor in the history of sMALL TALK.

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Here And There

By: David Herring

Class officers of East Carolina for the 1962-63 school year include Gill Ruderman as Sophomore Class president. All of us from Fayetteville Senior High will remember Gill. Bryan Bennett was named president of the Junior Class, and Giles Hopkins was named president of the Senior Class.

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Normie Abercrombie of Salem College took top honors April 15 to become Miss Winston-Salem of 1962. In July Normie will take an all-expense paid trip to Charlotte for the Miss North Carolina Pageant.

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Ground breaking exercises were held Thursday morning May 3rd for East Carolina's new football stadium. Mrs. James S. Ficklen removed the first spadeful of dirt

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holds her Bachelor of Arts degree from Women's College of the University of North Carolina and her Master's degree from the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Longest has taught one year on the faculty of the University of North Carolina and in high schools of Winslow, Forsyth, and Cumberland Counties. For the past eleven years, since 1951, she has taught in the Seventy-First High School.

As Iowa professor, Dr. Vearl G. McBride, has been appointed chairman of the area of Education and Psychology at Methodist College. Dr. McBride received the Bachelor of Arts degree and the Master's degree in Education from Arizona State University and the Ph. D. degree in Education from the University of Virginia

Public Affairs Elects Officers

The Public Affairs Club has been organized at Methodist College this year for the purpose of discussing current affairs in all major fields. The club of twelve members met twice a month during the lunch hour.

Officers for 1962-1963 elected at the May 7, 1962 meeting are; Walter R. Turner, president; and Lee Garvin, secretary.

The club hopes to gain new members next year and to hold provocative and informative meetings. Plans are being made to show the controversial film, "Operation Abolition" in the early fall. Also, there is a possibility of having debates between the Democratic and Republican candidates for Cumberland County State Senator and Seventh District congressman. All interested new students are welcome.

SCA Elects Heads

The officers of the Student Christian Association for the 1962-63 academic year were elected in a recent meeting. Those leading this organization next year will be Jimmy Johnson, president, David Herring, vice-president; Cynthia Walker, secretary; and Helen Carter, treasurer.

M. C. Appoints Dean Of Students

Methodist College has appointed Orren E. Dowd of Greenville, N. C. dean of students. He has been principal of the Junius H. Rose High School for the past 21 years. He has served as president of the Division of Principals, North Carolina Education Association, and as a member of the State Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the National Principals Association. He has served as a District N. C. E.A. officer, an is a past district governor of Lions International.

ORREN E. DOWD

Dowd holds the A. B. and M.A. degrees from Duke University. President Weaver expressed his pleasure in the appointment of a man of Dowd's experience and stature in the field of education

DORM-Sites!

By: Bob Reynolds

Our gallant softball team has met with some failures on the field of battle, but it has never failed to bring honor the men's dorm. Dave Altman has served as captain of the team

The room inspections for this semester were won by Lester Mason and Glenn Bell of room 20. Second place went to Johnny Hall and Bill Brewer in Room 18.

I feel I must comment on the effigy burning on April 19 since it was 13 residents of the men's dorm that caused all the trouble. The people who believe that the refusal of a holiday caused the incident probably believe that the firing on Fort Sumter caused the Civil War. What was done was undoubtedly wrong, but it was not a totally unprovoked action. This is briefly how the men residents view the incident.

One good thing that came from the effigy burning was the construction of an outdoor vesper area overlooking the small pond east of the women's dorm. The 13 participants, in an effort to show their interest in improving the college, decided that a vesper area would be a useful addition to the campus. The first service there was held on May 6 by Tommy Manning, whose idea the area was, and Julian Jessup.

By Barbara Rine

Hey! Have you seen a bunch of sunburned-type females around campus? More than likely they were members of the Women's Dorm sunbathing Society --"Sunburns Unlimited" (this writer is a charter member). Our motto could be; Never Lose An Opportunity To Catch Some rays. No membership card required -- just suntan lotion, a blanket and and "shades."

Since Thursday, April 19, when a number of Dorm students "demonstrated" for a longer Easter Weekend, a barrage of varying opinion has erupted. Attitudes range from tolerant amusements to disgust at this "childish and immature action." Surely this incident is regrettable and not to be condoned, but it's unfortunate that there are now feelings of antagonism on the part of many day students toward resident students because this particular burst of student frustration was vented by the residents.

By the way did you hear the sounds of trees falling and axes swinging in the woods behind the Women's Dorm a couple of weeks ago? Through the efforts of the Men's Dorm an outdoor chapel has been erected for Sunday Vesper services.

College Supports Art Festival

In connection with the Fine Arts Festival, April 30-May 13, Methodist College sponsored a concert Saturday, May 5 at 8:00 in the Student Union. The Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, in their fifth concert season, directed by Dr. Gates, presented the concert. The orchestra is made up of students, teachers, and towns-people, but for this concert players were invited from Raleigh, Greenville, and Laurinburg. Mr. Otis Lambert, voice teacher at Methodist College, was the guest soloist. Billy Wolfe, a student at Methodist College was the pianist for the concert. Major works played by the orchestra were "Overture to Barber of Seville," "Haydn's Surprise Symphony," and highlights from the musical "South Pacific."

Some of the other events of the Fine Arts Festival include; exhibits of exceptional sculpture; selected pictures from elementary schools, senior high, and junior high; a coin collection; a flower show; and a sidewalk art exhibit. A tour of contemporary homes and a tour of Historical buildings and places in Fayetteville was conducted with lectures at major points of interests.

Tuesday, May 8, two other concerts were held; a children's Concert by the Fayetteville chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra and the North Carolina Symphony's Orchestra's Spring Concert. Lectures were conducted on "Relating the House to the Site" and on coins.

Three plays were also shown; "Brigadoon," "The Waltz of the Toreadors," and "Pinocchio."

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Your "What's View?"

"What will you be doing this summer?"

Summer vacations are being planned, summer school courses are being chosen, and part-time work is being searched for by students on campus. Vacations, which are being planned and hoped for, cover a large area of the United States -- from as far north as Illinois and Ohio to as far south as Florida. I hope each student on campus has a most enjoyable summer vacation and I hope to see all of you on campus again next fall. The following are some of the plans being made by Methodist College students:

George Bertaw, Route #1, Dunn: I would like to go to summer school -- extension work at Fort Bragg. I will be preparing for next year's work in the church and making plans for two study courses to be held next year. Along with this work, I hope to set up my sermons for next year.

I am planning to do some research work on effective liturgical worship in the church. I have also set up a reading schedule of fifteen books to be read during my summer vacation.

An application has been put in for membership in the order of St. Luke and I am hoping to be accepted sometime during the summer.

Janet Brown, Lillington: During my summer vacation, I would like to go to summer school and take some English. However, I don't believe I could take any more school for a while.

A friend and I are planning a trip to Florida for this summer, but the plans are not definite as yet. If we do not go on the trip I will probably stay at home and work.

Judy Lee, Fayetteville: I would like to get a part-time job this summer at either Sears or do some general office work. We hope to make a trip to Tennessee to visit some relatives, and then I will begin to prepare for school next year.

Lois Stephenson, Linden: Now I am planning to attend summer school at State College this summer and take one of two courses -- Statistics or History of Math. This will take care of the first six weeks and the last six weeks before school begins next year. I plan to loaf and rest up for the fall term next year.

Code Of Conduct

A student body meeting of February 2 made effective by a majority vote the Social Code which was drafted by the Committee on Code of Conduct. Those serving on the committee were: Seldon Capelye, Tommie Parker, Sandra Autry, Larry Smith, George Cockrell, Hedda Carter, Connor Collar, and Harold Herring. Herb Owen was the chairman, and Mr. Dean served as committee advisor.

The suggested means of enforcement as to place the names of frequent offenders on a public black list for a period of one week which is to be headed by these words, "The people below are keeping you, the student, from having an Honor System at Methodist College."

It should be said that the code is a stride toward the eventual creation of an Honor System. Its effects and results are to be observed and regarded as indicative of student behavior in the future.

For the information of students who may have overlooked the wording of the Code of Conduct, it is reproduced here.

"We the students of Methodist College realize that during our student days and afterwards we will be evaluated not only according to our mental ability, but also according to our personal conduct. Therefore, let us use the Student Union and campus as a classroom where we as students may instruct ourselves in the principles of manners, humility and good taste. We the students of Methodist College are in agreement that:

1. Abuse of the furniture and facilities of the Student Union (recreation room, locker, T. V.) will limit the availability of these things to us.

2. Excessive noise (shouting, dragging chairs) disrupts the relaxed atmosphere of the Student Union (the Student Union is not primarily a study hall, but neither is it a playground.)

3. Careless eating and smoking habits (eating candy and sandwiches on upholstered furniture leaving cigarettes on table edges, balancing drinks on chair arms) not only ruin furniture and clothing, but also detract from the neat appearance of the Student Union.

4. Coats, umbrellas, sweaters, and the like should be hung in the coatroom.

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Students Build Outdoor Chapel

The Methodist College community has been enriched in its facilities by an outdoor chapel which is situated east of the Woman's Dormitory.

The location is a sylvan area bordering a pond where benches and a wooden pulpit and cross have been installed.

This undertaking is the result of voluntary action on the part of several men in the Men's Dormitory who wanted to counteract the impression that their recent "college prank" was intended to be destructive to the college or to degrade its aims and ideals. These same students volunteered to hold Sunday vespers for the remainder of this academic year.

Duncum Named Asst. Registrar

Mrs. Gretta Duncum has been appointed Assistant Registrar for the 1962-63 academic year. In this capacity, she will assist Mr. Edwards in the administrative processing of students.

Mrs. Duncum will also set up a Testing Bureau at Methodist College in September.

sMALL TALK Names 1962-63 Officers

New officers for the 1962-63 sMALL TALK staff were elected April 20. The results of the election are as follows: editor, Don Parsons; copy editors, Lela Crouch and David Herring; make-up editor, Ken Hurst; Photographic editor, Frank Duncum; circulation manager, Calvin Hopkins and Linda Stephenson; editorial staff, Virginia Ferrell, Betty Woolley, Lorene Sowell, and George Crow.

In September the positions of artist and advertising manager are open to students by application to the editor. Also there will be openings on both the editorial and business staffs.

The 1961-62 staff rounded the first year of sMALL TALK publication with a "36" picnic at the home of their sponsor, Dr. Marie Fox on Sunday, May 20.

Dear Gabby...

Dear Gabby:

I'm worried that I won't have time to study for my final exams. What should I do. Worried Student.

Dear WS: If you're so pressed for time, you shouldn't be reading the newspaper now.

THE PLAY, BRIGADOON, was seen May 3, 4, and 5th in the Alexander Graham Junior High Auditorium. A number of Methodist College students were in this play. Left to right: Barbara Holmes, Elizabeth Mazur, Barbara Bruce, Becky Harrington, Rita Kemp, Bill Singleton, and Terry Randolph.

Chorus On WFAI

Sunday, April 29, at 5:15 p. m. on WFAI, President Weaver, Mr. McAdams, and the Methodist College Chorus presented a special program celebrating "National Christian College Sunday." The chorus sang two numbers: "The Vesper Hymn" by Sir John Stevenson and "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach.

Historical Society Donates Book

On Monday, May 14, the Cumberland County Historical Society presented a gift of three historical books to Methodist College Library during the morning chapel program.

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